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Car accident survivor Joshua has his TV wish

A WALSALL youngster who survived a serious car accident earlier this year is to feature in the first episode of a new celebrity-based charity show next week.

Celebrity Wish List, which features stars turning up unannounced to surprise charities with much-needed gifts, will air on Channel 5 on Monday at 7.30pm.

The first episode focuses on Midlands Air Ambulance, with television presenter

Jeff Brazier surprising staff and volunteers with wish-list presents. To convey Midlands Air Ambulance's important work, the show tells the story of nine-year-old Joshua Birchill, from Willenhall, who was airlifted to hospital last Easter.

Despite being on life support for eight days with serious injuries, including three fractures to his skull, the Fibbersley Park Primary School pupil survived

and is set to make a full recovery. Joshua's dad, John, said: "Midlands Air Ambulance genuinely saved his life - they gave Joshua a second chance."

Operate

"Nothing I can say could possibly come close to thanking them fully for saving my little boy."

Ian Nicholls, who has worked for the

charity since its foundation, said: "This is our 20th anniversary and to have been surprised like this is overwhelming."

"To be presented with gifts that were only a dream 20 years ago is wonderful."

Midlands Air Ambulance needs £6 million a year to operate and receives no government or national lottery funding.

The charity responds to more than 3,500 emergencies each year.

BOY, 11, CONS OAPs IN RAIDS



Presenter Jeff Brazier, on a surprise visit to Midlands Air Ambulance, with nine-year-old Joshua Birchill, from Willenhall

ELDERLY residents in Walsall are being warned to be on their guard after a bogus caller as young as 11 helped in the theft of £50 from a house in Darlaston.

The incident took place last Saturday and was strikingly similar to one which happened in Bilston a day earlier.

A boy knocked on the door of an elderly lady's home in

Mavis magic at gardening



PEOPLE across Walsall have been rewarded for their blooming gardens in an annual gardening competition.

The contest, sponsored by Walsall Housing Group contractors Wates & Pinnacle, was judged by a panel of four who visited the finalists' gardens to pick this year's deserving winners.

First prize was awarded to Mavis Harper, from Willenhall, who came second in the competition last year.

Mavis, who is retired, said: "I was so pleased to come second last year and entered again as a bit of fun but never expected to win - I was over the moon."

Vegetables

"I spend a lot of time in my back garden and really love it. People who come and visit say it's so tranquil."

This year's contest also saw the introduction of the Good Life award for the best use of garden space to produce fruit and vegetables.

The award went to Leonard Busby, of Leamore, Bloxwich, who said: "I have got fruit trees and also grow strawberries, carrots, runner beans, parsnips etc."

"You get satisfaction from thinking 'I fancy a salad tonight' and walking into your garden to pick the vegetables you've grown yourself."

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Stafford Road, Darlaston, between 5.15pm and 5.30pm and said he had kicked a ball over her back fence.

After taking him through to the garden where there was no ball the victim and the boy walk back to the front door, where she saw an older youngster walking down the street. The pensioner, who said the offender was

aged 10-12 and had what sounded like an Irish accent, later found that £50 had been stolen from her handbag upstairs.

Just a day earlier, on Friday, September 23, in Baldwin Street, Bradley, Bilston, between 5.30pm and 5.38pm, a similar incident occurred with a boy saying his football had been kicked into an elderly lady's back garden. There was no ball to be seen, and as the pensioners went back inside she saw another young male come down the stairs. The young lad then pushed past the woman and both offenders ran off down the street.

The victim later found her bag on the bed, which should have been hung up in the hall with her hat. Nothing appeared to have been stolen.

Appealing

The woman described the younger male as thin, aged 10-12, 5ft 3in-5in, with an Irish accent and short dark brown hair, while the other boy was said to be aged 12 to 15, thin, of similar height and with a similar haircut.

Det Insp Justin Spanner, of West Midlands Police, said: "Officers are currently investigating both of these incidents and we are appealing for witnesses to both offences over the weekend."

"We would also like to warn residents of this particular method of distraction burglary and to be aware of any unknown callers at the door."

Anyone with information about either offence can contact Force CID at Bloxwich on 0345 113 5000 or call Crimestoppers in confidence on 0800 555 111.

Hospital sends home lad badly hurt in crash

A FOUR-year-old boy who was left fighting for his life after being knocked down by a car in a Walsall street has been discharged from hospital.

He suffered serious head injuries and multiple fractures to his leg in Darlaston Road, Pleck, at around 3.40pm on Thursday, September 8.

The boy was struck by a vehicle while walking over a pedestrian crossing with his mother.

West Midlands Police said the boy had now been discharged from hospital and was "making a good recovery".

A 21-year-old driver who was arrested on suspicion of dangerous driving remained on police bail this week.

Poundland eyes TJ Hughes shop

POUNDLAND is poised to take over the former TJ Hughes store in Walsall town centre. The Willenhall chain is looking to move from its branch in the Saddlers Centre.

The now-empty TJ Hughes, in Park Street, is a much larger building, meaning it would be one of Poundland's biggest.

Recruitment has already started. Poundland bosses confirmed they were looking to relocate, but remained tight-lipped about the new location.

But jobseekers who attended an employment fair at Walsall College last week were allowed to apply for roles for a new Poundland branch at the old TJ Hughes store. These positions have now been filled.

Booming

Company spokeswoman Judy Collins said: "Poundland can confirm it is considering a re-site of the Walsall store to a new location in the local area. However, Poundland is not in a position to confirm a specific location at this stage."

Business is booming at the company during the economic crisis and it now has more than 300 stores across the country.

Louts shove doc into canal

YOBS pushed a doctor who cannot swim into a canal as he walked home from Walsall Manor Hospital.

Cardiologist Dr Haroon Zafar, aged 37, suffered a back injury after he was twice shoved by his attackers as he made his way along the Walsall Canal towpath to his flat in the Art Court development at 6.30pm last Monday.

His cries for help were ignored by the men who laughed and walked away as he floundered.

"It was very narrow where I met them on the path. They made no effort to let me pass. As I tried to get by, one shoved me towards the water," Dr Zafar said.

"I reached out and grabbed his jacket to stop myself falling, but they pushed me again. I fell backwards into the water. I really thought I was drowning, I was shouting 'help, I can't swim'."

"Eventually, I realised my feet could touch bottom, so I climbed up," added Dr Zafar, who went on sick leave after his ordeal.

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Hunt for club man in attack with bottle

A MAN who smashed a bottle over another man's head in a Walsall nightclub was being hunted this week.

On the third floor of WS1 nightclub in the town centre there was an altercation over a split drink between a woman and a man from a larger group, police said. A 27-year-old man, boyfriend of the woman, stepped in to calm the situation and was attacked by a member of the larger group who smashed a bottle over his head.

He suffered cuts to his head and face which required glueing and stitching.

The attack happened at around 1.20am on Friday, September 16. One man was arrested and bailed.

Dc Deb Dace said: "It was an unprovoked attack in a busy nightclub. The offender with the bottle is a mixed race male, 5ft 7in, stocky, muscular, aged 25-30."

Anyone with information is urged to call Dc Dace at Bloxwich on 0345 113 5000 or Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

Accused goes free after papers delay

A MAN accused of breaking into three pubs and a shop has been released from prison after the charges were dropped due to paperwork delays.

Daniel Billiard faced charges of burglary at the Sweet and Fancy party shop, in Bloxwich, the Romping Cat and The Prince of Wales, both in Bloxwich, and The Queens pub, in Pelsall.

He was also accused of attempted burglary.

The case against Billiard, aged 25, of Wolverhampton Road, also of Pelsall, appeared via prison video link at Walsall Magistrates Court last Friday.

Burglar, 20, traced by DNA

A BURGLAR who took part in a £23,000 raid on a home and left a cigarette butt with his DNA at the scene, has been locked up for 28 months.

Police found the cigarette end in the back garden of a neighbouring house in Barr Common Road Walsall.

It led them to Connor Robertson, 20, of Wolverhampton Crown Court heard

Pub chain eyes takeover of blaze-hit pub

AN HISTORIC Bloxwich pub is poised to be taken over by JD Wetherspoon, creating 40 new jobs. The pub chain is in negotiations for the Bulls Head.

The building, which dates back to the 1920s, was left in a dangerous state following an arson attack in November. Bosses at Wetherspoons have said that if a deal is reached, £1 million will be spent revamping the Park Road pub.

The news has been welcomed by

councillors in the area who said it would give the town a much-needed boost. It comes weeks after it was revealed that Wetherspoons was understood to be taking over the former Gala Bingo Hall, in Aldridge. The company recently opened St Matthew's Hall, in Lichfield Street, Walsall.

Eddie Gershon, spokesman for Wetherspoons, said: "Wetherspoons is in negotiations to purchase The Bulls Head but a deal hasn't been done yet.

"This is a disused pub and one we are

keen to agree a deal on. We aim to get

planning permission to turn it into a Wetherspoons. If it does get the all-clear, we have prepared for development costs for £1 million, and with each new pub we create around 40 jobs."

Thirty firefighters were called to tackle the suspected arson attack at the former pub in November. Since The Bulls Head closed down in 2007, there were plans to turn it into shops.

Councillor Fred Westley, Labour representative for Bloxwich West, said: "Any investment in the town is

welcome, and news of possible new jobs is great. With the amount of pubs closing it is good to see something might be brought back to life."

A planning application has been submitted to Walsall Council for the refurbishment and extension of the existing building.

Meanwhile, jobs are also expected to be created with the transformation of the former Gala Bingo hall in Aldridge. The listed building has stood empty for two years.



Bloxwich's Bulls Head pub

Metal thieves plunge street into darkness

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A WALSALL street was plunged into darkness after metal thieves stole copper cables which supplied power to street lights.

It is the second time in weeks that metal thieves have struck in Livingstone Road, Bloxwich. Six street lights and two illuminated signs were affected after cabling was targeted during the latest raid on a cabinet in the street.

Bloxwich East ward's Councillor Shaun Fitzpatrick spotted the blackout while driving along the street. "It's utterly disgraceful that metal thefts are

happening and for thieves to stoop to knocking out street lights," he said.

"The cost to put it right far exceeds what the thieves will get for the scrap."

He added: "I'm concerned because people's safety is being put at risk by those responsible."

Councillor Tom Ansell, cabinet member for transport and environment at Walsall Council, said the repair work after last Wednesday night's attack would be carried out by Central Networks.

Suspected

He said: "We would urge anyone with any information about the people responsible for this criminal damage to notify the police as their actions are putting communities at risk."

Last month, more than 3,000 homes and businesses were left without power following a suspected metal theft at a canal bridge in Livingstone Road.

Workers help in churchyard spring clean

WORKERS from a funeral care service joined parishioners to spruce up a Willenhall churchyard.

A team of 33 Midcounties Co-operative colleagues spent the day at Holy Trinity Church, in Short Heath, clearing overgrown foliage.

Emma Henderson, manager and team leader, said: "It was a big challenge, but having so many hands made the job much easier. Everyone got stuck in and the team, who came from far and wide to support the event, managed to fill the disposal lorry four times."

Difference

Midcounties offers a range of volunteer programmes which staff members support throughout the year.

The Rev Dr Mark Hathorne said: "We were amazed at how much work the team got done in a day."

"The bottom part of the graveyard was very untidy and the efforts of the team has made a huge difference. We really are very grateful to Emma and her colleagues."

The team would also like to thank Walsall's HSS plant hire for providing equipment and the local chip shop for feeding the hungry workers.

Hooded youths attack teenager

A TEENAGER was robbed and assaulted by two masked youths as he walked on a canal towpath in Walsall.

The 16-year-old was head butted before the attackers stole his wallet on a towpath close to the Wharf Bar, in Walsall town centre.

The attackers, both aged round 16, were wearing black track suits bottoms and dark hoodies, with scarves over their faces.

Incident

They demanded the teen hand over his phone and launched the attack when he refused at 4.50pm on Friday, September 9.

De Genna Allen, from t Walsall police station, said: "We are led to believe that the two youths may have been disturbed and a passing cyclist may hold crucial information to help us bring these two to justice."

This was a particularly nasty incident."

Fred unlocks cache of cash



Fred Collins cashed in his hoard of old keys to help Midlands Air Ambulance

FRED Collins has raised hundreds of pounds for Midlands Air Ambulance Charity by cutting keys in his spare time and cashing in scrap metal.

Fred, Walsall Housing Group's locksmith for 12 years, had accumulated 3,900kg of obsolete metal, including redundant and broken key and lock parts, so took it to a scrap merchant in exchange for £585.

The cash, combined with contributions collected in exchange for him cutting keys for colleagues, customers and friends over the years totalled £1,000.

Fred, who lives in Cheslyn Hay, said: "If anyone has asked me to do things in

my spare time like cut a key for them or open a safe and supply a key, I've asked for a contribution to charity."

"I knew I'd be able to raise even more money by cashing in the boxes of old keys and locks. I hope it will make a real difference to the charity."

Katy Meaney, spokeswoman for Midlands Air Ambulance Charity, said: "Mr Collins has helped through his fundraising efforts and donation to ensure that our vital service can continue to save lives across the region."

For more information on how you can donate, fundraise and get involved with the charity visit www.midlandsairambulance.com.

Decision day for disused swim centre

The future of Willenhall Leisure Centre was due to be made clear this week after the council ran the rule over tenders for the now-empty building.

Officers for the local authority were expected to make a recommendation to the council's cabinet member for regeneration, Councillor Adrian Andrew.

The Bath Street leisure centre closed in August last year as part of cost-cutting measures by Tory-run Walsall Council.

The building was put on the market in July, with interested parties having nearly six weeks to submit their tenders, but that time-frame was later extended.

Deadline

Councillor Andrew, said: "Not all the tenders followed the correct procedures and so in a bid to be open and transparent we quickly decided to tender."

The deadline was Friday, September 23, and the council has been evaluating the two tenders received.

The successful applicant will then have 21 weeks to obtain planning permission, if needed.

Documents detailing the type of development that would be suitable – including a cinema, offices, health clinic and creche – have already been drawn up.

If no suitable solution is found for the site, it may be demolished at a cost of £200,000.

Granddaughter denies murder

THE granddaughter of a partly blind 92-year-old woman from Walsall has denied murdering her.

Sheila Jones, aged 36, is accused of killing Daisy Myring on May 31.

The mother-of-two, of Brownhills Road, Norton Canes, appeared at Wolverhampton Crown Court last week to deny murdering the pensioner, who was found with head injuries at her home in Albion Road, Brownhills.

The case was adjourned and Jones remained in custody until her next appearance at the crown court in November.

Sex charge dropped

Allegations that an Aldridge man sexually assaulted a boy under the age of 13 have been dropped.

The matter against Mei Huang, aged 46, of Leighwood Road, was discharged at a prison video link hearing at Walsall Magistrates Court last Friday.

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The latest image of Walsall's £2.5m Goldmine centre

Palace treat for Manor Hospital staff

A WALSALL hospital worker's first visit to London was a memorable one when she was a guest at a royal garden party at Buckingham Palace.

Support services assistant Chris Lees was nominated for the honour by patients at Walsall Manor Hospital.

During her day out, she met Prince Charles and Camilla, Duchess of Cornwall and also saw Her Majesty the Queen musing with her guests.

For Chris, whose day job includes giving breakfast and lunches to patients, it was a chance to enjoy an afternoon tea. The grandmother, who went to the palace with her mother Mavis, said: "It was an absolutely fantastic day."

Illustrations

Chris has worked at Walsall Manor Hospital for 10 years and was not the only one to get a VIP invite.

Lisa Hamilton was chosen because she is in her 40th year of working in the NHS, with 26 years served at the Manor. In her current role, she manages the placement of student nurses.

Lisa, who lives in Aldridge, was joined by her husband John, who is head of clinical illustrations at the hospital. She said: "I plan to retire next year so it was a perfect way to mark the end of my career."

Casino urges girls to take title punt

MORE contestants are wanted at a Walsall beauty pageant to be held at a Walsall casino next week.

The winner will be the face of G Casino, in Bentley Mill Way and will go on to a final in Blackpool.

Judges include the Mayor of Walsall Councillor Garry Perry and the casino's general manager Matt Rudd.

There will be a £1,000 cash prize for the winner, £500 for the runner up and £250 for third place.

The Miss G Beauty Pageant on October 6 at 7.30pm will feature short day wear and evening wear. Girls can contact Maddy on 01922 645222.

Salon jobs are hair today

EIGHT jobs are being created with the opening of a new hair, beauty and photography studio.

In-Style Studios recently opened in Pinfold Street, Darlaston. Beauty queen Sarah Jones, a former Miss Wolverhampton and a Miss England finalist, was invited to perform the unveiling.

The salon has been launched by Jonathan Foster and business

£2.5m youth centre will be a goldmine

WORK is poised to start on the first building to rise from the ashes of Walsall's biggest fire for 25 years. A £2.5 million youth training centre, known as Goldmine, will be built at Shannons Mill, which was destroyed in a fire in 2007.

It has been in the pipeline for more than four years. Goldmine will be the showpiece development in a new youth quarter being created in Lower Hall Lane, spearheaded by youth training organisation The Vine Trust. The trust has outgrown its premises nearby and the new complex will include training rooms, a library, offices and a

public performance area to provide learning, advice and guidance for young people.

It is part of a major regeneration scheme being developed in partnership with landowners St Modwen and Gold Estates.

Delivered

The Vine Trust's chief executive, Kevin Davis, said: "The Goldmine centre has provided an opportunity to show how partners can pull together in challenging times.

"This state-of-the-art centre has been inspired by young people, for young people.

"Alongside social and recreational activi-

ties, it will offer work-based learning, ICT, arts, drama, music and creative media activities."

Goods Estates managing director Dominic Gold said: "It is down to The Vine Trust that this will be delivered. They have worked incredibly hard to raise the funding." Other partners are Community Builders England Ltd, Walsall MBC, The Tudor Trust, Walsall Community Church, Garfield Weston and Walsall Housing Group.

An open day to promote Goldmine was due to held at The Vines Restaurant, Lower Hall Lane, from 1pm to 6pm today.



Sandwell College automotive lecturer Stephanie Jones

Stephanie in gear for ad campaigns

FORMER Walsall racing driver Stephanie Jones has been selected as the face of national advertising campaigns for Bupa health insurance.

Dressed in her overalls at Sandwell College's auto centre, the light vehicle department team leader's picture will feature in online advertising for Bupa's health insurance, Bupa By You, and on leaflets mailed out to households all over the country.

Campus

Stephanie, a 36-year-old mother of two, leads a team of five male mechanics tutors and teaches motor vehicle studies at the college's Oldbury campus. She got the chance to fulfil her modelling ambitions when Bupa were looking for a female mechanic to star in their new campaign.

She has been teaching motor vehicle studies at the college for eight years, and is moving to West Bromwich next year when a new campus opens. Stephanie's three-year motor sport career included a race at Silverstone. She said: "This is a fabulous opportunity. I've always had the ambition to become a model and now I can tick it off my list."

Riot hoax caller jailed for week

A WALSALL MAN who made a hoax phone call to police claiming it was "about to kick off" in the centre of Wolverhampton days after the riots had been jailed for seven days.

Mark Williams, aged 43, from Redwood Road, made two calls from a phone box in Queen Square, the city's magistrates heard.

Prosecutor Roger Bleazard said: "In the first call he warned that people were milling about and ready to riot before phoning again to say it was about to 'kick off'." His defence said he had trouble with alcohol. He admitted the offence.

Hotel work delayed

CONSTRUCTION work on a £10 million hotel in Walsall has been pushed back to next month. Work on the new Premier Inn, to be part of the £50m Walsall Waterfront development, was expected to start in September, but has been delayed to October.

Clean living lasts Ethel 100 years



Ethel Wigfield, nee Wilkes, posing at 17 and with daughters Joan, right, and Yvonne



DRINKING plenty of water and avoiding alcohol and cigarettes has been the life-long rule of a Walsall pensioner who has celebrated her 100th birthday.

Former office worker Ethel Wigfield was showered with bouquets of flowers by friends and family at her home in Drake Court, Drake Road, Bloxwich, to mark her big day.

Ethel was born to parents Ethel and Abner Wilkes in 1911 when they lived in a cottage in Leamore Lane. She was the oldest girl in the family of eight siblings.

Grandchildren

Ethel attended West Street School, in Leamore, before the family moved to Queen Street, in Walsall town centre.

"I won a scholarship to college in Bradford Street so my parents didn't have to pay," she said. "I went to work at 14 because that's what you did in those days. I was employed at

Vulcan, in Green Lane, and then moved to the Streetly Works for more money."

In 1934 Ethel tied the knot with her late husband Harry, a Rubery Owen toolmaker.

"During the Second World War I stayed at home and raised our family," she said.

"Harry worked very long hours in the war because he helped to make planes at the factory. It was a very important job."

The couple lived in Bentley Road North, Bentley, and had a son, John, who died in 2003, and daughters Joan Plater, now aged 71, and Yvonne Millington, 69.

Mrs Wigfield, a founder member of Emmanuel Church, Bentley, now has 10 grandchildren, 23 great-grandchildren and 13 great-great-grandchildren.

"I have always been contented with what I have got," she said.

"I looked after my appearance. I have had up and downs, but I've had a good life."

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£3 million revamp welcomed

A COUNCILLOR has welcomed improvements to two high-rise flats in Brownhills where residents complained of freezing cold.

Humphries House and Severn House are due to have new roofs, boilers and windows.

The walls will be insulated and external walls decorated under a £3million programme by landlord Walsall Housing Group.

Brownhills ward representa-

tive Councillor Barbara Cassidy praised the revamp.

She said: "This is really exciting for the residents. The buildings will look fabulous when the work is completed. Severn House, in particular, has been cold in the winter. Tenants would have the heating on and it still felt freezing."

"Last winter the housing group provided residents with a £10 payment towards heating bills as a result of us asking for

something to be done. I am very impressed with the project and residents had a chance to discuss the plans with the group and choose the colour scheme."

Modern wood burning boilers will be used to heat Humphries House, in Linden Drive, and Severn House, in nearby Silver Court Gardens and residents will be able to change the temperature within their own flats.

Scaffolding is now being erected.

Cash boost for projects on prejudice

PROJECTS against hate crime are among the activities to share a slice of a £40,000 fund for projects aimed at tackling anti-social behaviour in an area of Walsall.

The funding pot has been made available by the council's North Walsall Area Partnership, which covers Birkhills, Lichmore, Bechdale and Bloxwich. The Multi-Media Arts Project in Green Lane, Walsall, has been awarded £5,525 to run a programme of activities for young people.

The centre provides workshops for DJ-ing, street dance, sound recording, driving test theory practice and sports.

Cohesion

The Women Against Anti-Social Persecution group based in Long Ace Street has attracted a £4,000 grant towards its efforts to tackle hate crime.

Walsall's Integrated Young People's Support Services was awarded £1,000 in support of its summer youth work scheme. The council's Know Your Town project was awarded £1,000 towards community cohesion.

Other projects to attract funding from the partnership in the current financial year include the young adults supported housing project Streams based in Hospital Street which was given a £3,500 grant to help with job and training advice.

The Young Persons Information Centre, in Ingram Road, Blakenall picked up a total of £5,082.

Warning for drivers as roadworks begin

DRIVERS in Walsall have been warned that they face six weeks of disruption as the final phase of work to create a red route on the town's ring road gets under way.

Double red lines are being introduced on Broadway West, Pleck Road and Rolling Mill Street. Red routes prevent cars from stopping at any time to reduce congestion.

This phase of work is due to cost £400,000. Lane closures will be in place, but the work will take place at off-peak times.

'Good' report for school

A SPECIAL school in Walsall has been officially rated as good by Ofsted inspectors.

The Jane Lane School was also said to have several outstanding features including pupils' behaviour and their contribution to the wider community.

Staff got a top ranking for their level of care, guidance and support.

John Cox, joint headteacher with Heather Lomas, said: "It's brilliant to

have held on to the same overall rating that we received at the last Ofsted inspection in 2008. Apparently, that's something many schools don't achieve."

"Heather and I thank all our staff, pupils and parents for helping the school maintain its fine reputation as a College for Cognition and Learning, that delights in seizing every possible opportunity to enhance the pupils' personal and academic potential."

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Hate campaign man is jailed

A WALSALL man who launched a vicious hate campaign against a woman by impersonating her online and encouraging strangers to rape her has been jailed for two years and nine months.

Khalid Hussain's torment of the woman culminated in a man visiting her house, hitting her in the face and trying to sexually assault her.

Warwick Crown Court heard how the attacker only fled after

realising she was genuinely scared and she took his registration plate.

Mr Robert Hodgkinson, prosecuting, said that 30-year-old Hussain, using a false name, sent hundreds of abusive and obscene texts and emails to her.

He said: "But the worst aspect is that over a period of months, she received over 100 visits at night from men who knocked on her door saying they had been conversing with

her by email and were responding to invitations by her to visit her for sex.

"One of those men had been led to believe that she wanted to be raped."

Hussain, of Dora Road, Pleck, was sentenced after pleading guilty to two charges of harassment.

He was also ordered to serve a six-month jail term which had been suspended at the time for setting up a fake robbery.

6,600 fines issued to town centre car drivers

DRIVERS in Walsall town centre have been given more than 6,600 fines since on-street parking charges came into force just six months ago.

The fees have boosted council coffers by £95,000, but critics fear the fines could deter shoppers.

Parking campaigner Dennis Anson, Labour councillor for Pleck, said: "I do not support people blocking up the streets if they are parking in places they should not be."

"My concern though is that Walsall is currently eighth worst in the country for the number of empty and closed-down shops and we need to do what we can to bring people in. If people are getting fined like this, it might put them off."

Overturnd

Of the 6,612 fines handed to drivers who overstepped their time limit in the past six months, 739 were later overtured.

Transport chief Councillor Tom Ansell said: "After we introduced on-street pay-and-display charges, just over 94,000 pay-and-display tickets have been bought by motorists.

"It's no surprise they are popular as they are very convenient parking spaces."

"Disappointingly, a minority of motorists have failed to comply with the parking restrictions."

Councillor Ansell said the £95,000 raised through the penalty charges had been used to offset the overall cost of providing and maintaining the new system.

The new charges were introduced in on March 7 and almost 1,700 people were hit with parking fines within the first month.

The 20p-per-10-minute charge has been brought in on 310 parking spaces in 19 streets including Lichfield Street, Hatherton Street and Station Street.

Lansley's all-clear for Manor £170m

FINANCING of Walsall's £170 million Manor Hospital scheme has been declared sound as it was revealed that similar projects were leaving hospitals elsewhere in financial crisis.

Health Secretary Andrew Lansley said: "They are really nice pieces of good quality playground equipment. Before we just had the playground and field. The children are absolutely loving the new trim trail and slide. It has a wobbly bridge and stepping stones."

Activities

The equipment at the Mersey Road school was bought with a donation from Walsall Housing Group and funds raised by the school council.

Pupils have already used the equipment in a sponsored challenge where they were tasked to complete a series of problem solving activities. The cash raised will boost school funds.

Deputy head Jane Layland said: "They are really nice pieces of good quality playground equipment. Before we just had the playground and field. The children are absolutely loving the new trim trail and slide. It has a wobbly bridge and stepping stones."

"Because the school council raised some of the funds through a summer fair and raffles, the children have a sense of ownership of it. They have used the equipment in a sponsored event which involved the children doing problem solving activities."

"We don't know how much we've raised yet but the money will go into school funds and could be used to buy more playground equipment in the future."

High Peak Walkers

THE Walsall Group of the Ramblers will be heading to Arbor Low, Bradford Dale and the High Peak Trail for a 12 mile circular walk this Sunday.

This is a moderate walk on country lanes, farm tracks, field paths, riverside and old rail tracks. Non-members are always welcome and are urged to contact 01543 321770.

Saddlers cement tile firm sponsorship

WALSALL FC has unveiled its new sponsor – Wolverhampton tile supplier Tile Choice. The company is taking over the biggest stand at the Banks's Stadium and the huge advertising hoarding that towers over the M6 motorway.

The new sponsorship deal begins immediately, and work to change the advertising board started on Monday.

The three-tier Floors 2 Go stand will be renamed the Tile Choice Stand.

Tile Choice managing director and owner Kevin Beasley said: "We have local branches of Tile Choice in Walsall, Cannock, West

Bromwich and Bilston and many of our employees and customers are huge fans of the club."

"We very much look forward to a continuing relationship with Walsall FC."

Completed

The advertising board is the biggest in Europe and a team of signage professionals have to abseil down it to complete the job.

Mr Beasley said: "This is the largest illuminated advertising sign adjacent to a motorway in Europe and it will consist of 52 panels each measuring 10 feet by five feet. Because we

can't use cherry pickers on the pitch each panel has to be placed and fixed by abseilers."

"It's a huge task but the sign is a local landmark and 833,000-plus vehicles pass it on the M6 every week."

The sponsorship deal will keep vital funds coming into the club for the next three years.

Roy Whalley, Walsall FC commercial director, declined to reveal the value of the deal, but said: "It's great to have a link with another Black Country company."

Work to change the Floors 2 Go stand to Tile Choice is due to be completed by the end of this week.



Walsall FC's giant advertising hoarding near the M6

Pensioners in protest over bus pass plan

PENSIONERS in Walsall are launching a campaign against the decision to strip more than 1.2 million people in the West Midlands of half-price coach travel.

Walsall Pensioners' Convention is to write to the three borough MPs urging them to get the Government to rethink.

Since 2003, pensioners and disabled people have benefited from half price fares on National Express and other long distant coach journeys across the country and the Government has previously footed the bill for the discounts.

But this will be stopped from November 1 in a bid to save £20 million.

Richard Worrall, from Walsall Pensioners' Convention and a member of the National Pensioners' Convention working group for transport, said: "Rail fares are getting very expensive even with a senior citizen's rail card which gives you a third off."

Convention

Alternative cheap coach travel is really important to lots of elderly people and you can see that when you travel on these coaches. It is important because elderly people value their independence. They want to be able to say, travel to Brighton to visit a family member.

"Anybody who is elderly and doesn't have lots of money is affected."

The National Pensioners' Convention has made its views known and the Walsall Pensioners' Convention will too.

"This really would hit the most vulnerable people most," added the 66-year-old, a former Mayor of Walsall and one-time member of the former West Midlands Passenger Transport Authority.

He said the Walsall Pensioners' Convention will write to MPs David Winnick, Richard Shepherd and Valerie Vaz to express their concern.

They will ask the MPs to back calls for the Government to rethink the move.

Mr Worrall, who lives in Birchills, added that the National Pensioners' Convention was also talking to ministers.

Repair work for roof

SPECIALIST contractors were being sent in this week to examine the collapsed ceiling at Walsall Gala Baths' dance studio.

Part of the ceiling at the dance studio fell through on September 3, forcing it and the fitness studio above it to close.

Leisure chief Councillor Anthony Harris said: "We have to wait for approval from the Health

and Safety Executive before any building works can be carried out and once these are done a structural inspection will have to be completed before either area can be re-opened.

"Specialist contractors will provide a better idea of the size of the task."

The dance studio opened in February.

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Notices are served on illegal travellers

MORE than 40 eviction orders have been served on illegal travellers encampments across the Black Country in a year.

Convoys of travellers parked on public land and green spaces 47 times in Walsall, Sandwell and Wolverhampton in the last 12 months, costing council tax payers thousands of pounds. The cash was spent on legal and bailiffs fees.

Walsall Council has served 15 eviction notices on unauthorised encampments since January 1 this year, but could not say how much has been spent on eviction costs.

Sandwell Council has spent around £40,000 on getting rid of travellers who have parked up on council land on 21 occasions.

Clearance

Claire Bustin, spokeswoman for the council, said the authority has intervened legally on nine occasions, and police have issued notices to leave on 12 occasions.

She added: "The council has spent in the region of £40,000 on site clearance and enforcement, court costs and officer time to cover the 21 incursions."

Meanwhile, Wolverhampton City Council has tackled 11 traveller incursions on council land in the last year.

Areas across the Black Country have suffered problems brought by travellers. Clean-up crews have been called out more than 30 times in the first six months of this year to clear away rubbish left behind.

Project to boost community groups

PLANS to purchase a street camera to tackle problems with drug dealers and prostitution in Walsall is among initiatives to be funded by a community partnership.

The £7,320 system is being funded by Walsall South Area Partnership as part of efforts to crackdown on crime and reduce anti-social behaviour.

Other projects include a £1,950 scheme for minor road works near Whitehall Junior School, in Delves Road, Caldmore to improve traffic flow. West Midlands Fire Service has also attracted a grant for £1,000 for equipment for its cycle team which carries out safety visits to homes and businesses.

Park Hall Community Association, Park Hall Road, has also attracted £1,000 towards an open evening to discuss issues with householders.

Fencing is also to be installed at a vacant plot in Hollyhedge Lane, Birchills at a cost of £744 after problems with fly-tippers.

A total of £17,648 has so far been being allocated from the 2001/2012 budget of £77,522 for projects.

The partnership covers wards including Pleck, Paddock and Palfrey.

Pensioner cleared

THE case against a Walsall pensioner accused of being drunk in possession of a loaded firearm has been dropped. All charges have been discontinued against Michael Beards, aged 65, of Gordon Street, Darlaston.

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A PETITION signed by more than 300 parents and supporters in protest at a scheme to increase the number of pupils at a Walsall school has been delivered to council chiefs.

Campaigners claim the move to extend Leighswood Primary, in Aldridge, would put pressure on teachers and buildings.

Education bosses want to expand it to deal with an expected influx of pupils over the next seven years. Under the plans, pupil numbers will be increased by more than 100 at the Broadmeadow site.

The petition has been organised by worried parent Corrie Halford, who claims the school was paying the price for the closure of another school, Redhouse Primary, in 2006.

Mrs Halford, aged 36, said: "My petition had 322 signatures and was presented by Councillor Mike Flower to the council."

Secretary

The mother-of-three wrote an open letter to the Prime Minister, Education Secretary Michael Gove, school bosses and councillors.

She said many parents had missed consultation meetings held earlier this year due to the times they were scheduled.

Councillor Flower, of Aldridge North & Walsall Wood, said: "In my view, the consultation should be extended and done thoroughly with proper engagement with the school community if people feel they have not been communicated with properly."

There are plans to increase the reception class at Leighswood Primary from 75 to 90 to meet demand.

Serco spokesman Mark Vaughan said: "A consultation exercise has been undertaken as required and the council is continuing to assess the proposal to enlarge Leighswood School."

Christian Aid's boost

CHURCHES in Willenhall raised more than £1,200 for Christian Aid. Holy Trinity, in Coltham Road, Short Heath, collected £661 while Short Heath Methodist raised £600, and a coffee morning in aid of kidney patients at Holy Trinity also raised £130.

Mayor pampers a pooch

Walsall Mayor Garry Perry prepares for Sunday's dogwash with Sam Wilkes, of Pampered Pets, Pelsall

his challenge under the eye of Sam Wilkes, of Pampered Pets, in Wolverhampton Road, Pelsall.

Councillor Perry said: "I've a feeling that Sam will expect high standards."

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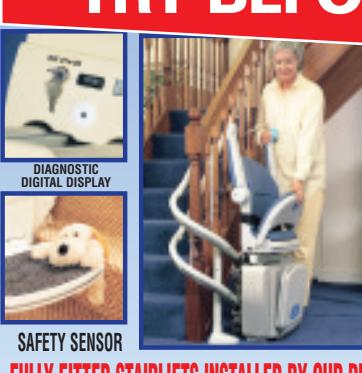
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Enduring riddle of Dartmoor ponies

By Sarah Hazelwood

A FINANCE manager from Walsall who has spent more than a decade researching the case of the Dartmoor ponies has released a book about his findings.

Mike Freebury, of Gloucester Road, focuses on serial animal mutilation attacks in Dartmoor and across the UK in his book Killers on the Moor.

Friend

After years of research the 64-year-old father of two believes an alien culture is to blame for the mysterious deaths dating back to 1977.

"This topic really struck a chord with me and I wanted to do some-

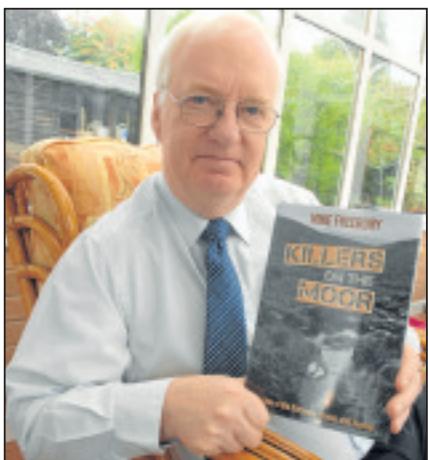
thing to get to the bottom of these unsolved cases," he said.

"It was a real challenge but it is important to let people know what I have discovered because I feel the government are trying to bury the issue."

"It has been an invigorating experience and I am hopeful there will be a follow up with even more of my findings."

There are four chapters revealing the results of Mike's own investigations and surveillance which he carried out with the help of a Cornish friend, Dave Gillham.

The book is available from www.amazon.co.uk for £17.99.



Mike Freebury, of Gloucester Road, Walsall, with his book

Stage is set for actor to return

A WALSALL-born actor will be following in his mother's footsteps when he returns to his home town of Bloxwich tomorrow to perform on stage.

Carl Walker will be appearing in The Browning Version at the new Bookmark Bloxwich, in Elmore Row, on Friday, September 30.

The show is coming to town as part of a regional tour by the Appletree Theatre Company, of which

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Carl is the technical director.

The Browning Version is set in a public school in the 1940s.

Director

Carl, who plays Frank Hunter in the play, was born and brought up in Bloxwich and attended Queen Mary's Grammar School, Walsall.

Now based in Shropshire and working as an actor and

technical director, he heard about the refurbished theatre at the Bookmark Bloxwich and was keen to add it to the tour.

"I have so many fond memories of the old Bloxwich Library from the days when my mother used to perform in charity fund-raising productions in the early 70s, that when the chance came for me to perform as a professional actor on the same stage, I jumped at it," he said.

Tickets for the play cost £8 (£5 concessions).

Real ale fillip for Imperial

Staff at a Walsall pub are celebrating after being named in the 2012 Camra Good Beer Guide.

The Imperial, in Darwall Street, has been praised by members of the town's Camra branch.

Branch members chose the Wetherspoons pub following regular visits to check on the quality of the real ales.

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New library closer to green light

THE development of a new library in Walsall has taken a step forward after plans for homes on land to be sold to help pay for the project were given the go-ahead.

The long-awaited library is due to be built on land in Queen Elizabeth Avenue, Bentley at a cost of £2.6 million.

But Walsall Council wants to sell off other surplus land in the area towards the cost of the proposed building.

The planning committee has now approved a scheme for 44 homes on land in Wilkes Avenue.

Previous

This site will now be marketed to housing developers.

Bentley and Darlaston North ward representative Councillor Bill Madeley, who has led a campaign for a replacement library, said he welcomed the decision.

"This land is going towards funding the library," he said.

"People in Bentley will be over the moon. They have been waiting for a long time to see the facility rebuilt," the councillor told the committee.

It is hoped the new library, for which designs have already been drawn up, will be part funded through the sale of land owned by Walsall Housing Group and Walsall Council.

The previous library in Queen Elizabeth Avenue was demolished.

Phones go down after vandals trigger blaze

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ARSONISTS started a garden fire in Willenhall that spread to an overhead telephone cable, leaving residents without internet and phone connections for five days.

Two conifers were set alight in Church Road. As the flames rose to the overhead cable they cut the connections to about 10 properties in the area, including a vicarage and The Royal British Legion.

There was disruption over five days last week, and BT said the damage would mean replacing 246ft of overhead cable as a result.

The Rev Mark Hathorne, vicar at the Holy Trinity Church, said: "It has really disrupted my work, because my home is also my office and a lot of my work is communication."

Specialist

Emma Tenant, spokeswoman for BT, said the work to repair the cable would be done using specialist hoist equipment.

She said: "Around 10 customers were left without service as a result of the damage to our cable. We apologise for any inconvenience caused.

"Our priority is always to restore services to any affected customers as quickly as we can."



The Rev Mark Hathorne tries for mobile signals after a tree fire cut his land line

Tutus together to save fares



Ballerinas in tutus promote the new Two Together railcard at Walsall station

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members travelling together to have 1/3 off their fares to UK destinations. For information, visit www.twotogther-railcard.co.uk.

Families fear problems in site clean-up

Residents living near the contaminated site of a new multi-million pound business park in Walsall are worried its clean-up could bring heavy lorries, noise and dust to the area.

Councillors said they had been approached by concerned neighbours living near Darlaston's former IMI James Bridge copperworks, which was earmarked by the Government last month to be a new Enterprise Zone.

Councillor Dennis Anson and Councillor Khizar Hussain said local people had welcomed the investment, but they needed to be kept more informed of the plans for the site, one of the most contaminated in Europe.

Minimise

Councillor Anson said the clean-up could result in problems with heavy lorries, noise and dust and is calling for a forum to be set up where the issues can be discussed.

"Unfortunately, the one voice not being heard here is that of the people from Alumwell and Pleck," he said.

"We think residents should have a place at the table so instead of being told 'this is what you're going to get', we can instead all work together to make the plans a success and minimise disruption."

Councillor Adrian Andrew, Walsall's regeneration chief, said at the moment there was nothing to consult with residents about as no planning application had been submitted.

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Pelsall fabric artist Janet Stephenson, aged 70

Hobby to help buy headstone

A PENSIONER from Walsall has found a new hobby as a fabric artist and says she is planning to sell her work to raise money to buy her late son a new headstone.

A cottage, flowers and wildlife are just some of the pictures which have been crafted by Janet Stephenson, of Charles Crescent, Pelsall.

Gallery

The 70-year-old, who has had rheumatoid arthritis for the past 15 years, says the hobby is valuable exercise for her arms.

She is now thinking of selling her work to raise cash to buy a new headstone for her late son Nigel Pearce, who was just seven years old

when he died suddenly in 1972.

Mrs Stephenson, who also has a 39-year-old son, Nicholas, said: "I'm disabled and have been doing this in my spare time."

"I started six months ago out of boredom. I get rolls of fabric and have done pictures of flowers, Spanish ladies and one of a cottage."

"I'm keeping them in my bedroom at the moment but would love for them to go in a gallery."

She added: "I'm also thinking of selling them to buy a new headstone for my son. He died because he had a hole in his heart and he was buried at Bloxwich Cemetery."

Tragic mother tells of anguish

A WALSALL mother whose two-month-old daughter died after bronchial pneumonia has spoken of the family's heartbreak.

Mikaela Griffin, born on February 27, but was pronounced dead at the Manor Hospital on April 25 after succumbing to the infection.

Her mother Vicki Griffin, aged 22, of Stag Crescent, Hardens, said the family was devastated by her death at the inquest last week.

Birmingham Women's Hospital pathologist Dr Beata Hargitai told the in-

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quest that Mikaela had died of bronchial pneumonia due to an overwhelming bacterial infection.

Miss Griffin, who has a three-year-old son, said: "Mikaela was beautiful.

Natural

"We all expected her to be a heart-breaker - she was gorgeous.

"It's been really hard these last few months. I really do miss her. My son

Leo was really protective of her and he misses her too."

Ms Griffin was staying at her parents' home in Darlaston on April 25, when she woke to find the baby had stopped breathing.

She and her father then took the baby to A&E, but she could not be saved.

Black Country Coroner Robin Balmain recorded a verdict of death by natural causes.

He said: "It is quite clear to me that Mikaela died from a bacterial infection, which is a natural event."

Alison grows into new job

WALSALL has appointed its first community gardens officer.

Alison Bate has joined Walsall Council's Green-space Improvement Service as a community gardens and allotments officer to help people who want to grow produce, tend flowers to improve their health.

Attracted

She joins from Dudley Council parks section.

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More bobbies go on beat after shake-up

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EXTRA police have been sent out on patrol in the afternoons and evenings in Walsall from this week as part of a force shake-up of shift patterns and beat boundaries.

On Monday, the 22 neighbourhood beats became 20 wards to match the borough council's wards. The new shift patterns will see more officers on the streets during the afternoons and evenings.

West Midlands Police said the changes in neighbourhood policing had followed a consultation with local communities and partners. They said they would be better placed to "tackle issues that impact at the heart of the community".

Inspectors

Four inspectors will oversee local policing in Walsall and will have responsibility for the main areas of Walsall, Aldridge, Willenhall, Darlaston, Bloxwich and Brownhills.

Fifteen sergeants will cover the 20 wards and will be posted to the new beats, while staffing levels and locations will reflect demands on resources within the new boundaries. The beat sergeants will also work alongside a local authority neighbourhood manager and the team of councillors for that ward.

Supt Keith Fraser, of Walsall police, said: "By streamlining our service we are building on our experiences and will be meeting local needs. The community have said they would like to see a greater police presence at key times especially in the evenings."

"The new shift pattern will ensure police are in your area when you need them. They will be able to tackle issues that impact at the heart of the community including dealing more robustly with calls relating to antisocial behaviour."

Supt Fraser said the changes would mean a more community-focused service.

"Re-aligning our beats now means there is less cross-over when dealing with local issues. They will be working closely with their neighbourhood manager and team of councillors to ensure policing is geared up to meet the needs of the community."

Supt Fraser said the decision to change the beats was not taken lightly.

A meet for crime authors



John Fiddler and Emily Jane Turner get ready for the night with former gangsters at The Vault, Darlaston

Pennant, Carlton Leach of Rise of the Footsoldier fame and writer and movie actor Dave Courtney will be talking to fans on Sunday, October 2.

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Book testament to the Rev Carol

A PRIEST in Walsall has launched her latest book.

The Rev Carol Hathorne's new novel, Twenty One Today, is a sequel to her previous work Only Sixteen.

It follows on with the story of three girls from the Black Country who turn 21 in 1965, exploring their relationships with their families and each other.

Happened

It took six months for the Rev Hathorne, who is one of the priests at Holy Trinity Church, in Church Road, Willenhall, to write the book.

"I am very happy with it," said the 67-year-old, who grew up in Tipton but now lives in Church Road, Willenhall, and has 20 titles to her name.

"I wrote the first book about these three girls and people were keen to find out what happened to them. People don't need to have read the first one to enjoy the book – it stands in its own."

A book launch takes place at The Rectory, in Church Road, on Saturday October 22, between 10am and 1pm. It costs £6.50.

For more information email the Brierley Hill-based publishers, The Kates Hill Press, on kateshillpress@blueyonder.co.uk



Author the Rev Carol Hathorne with her book Twenty One Today

Pigs insult for Muslim family

A MAN placed two pigs' heads on a spiked gate outside a Muslim family's home in Walsall, a court heard.

William Walker was caught on camera, along with accomplice Raymond Holmes, who passed him a chair to help him a

The pair had been drinking at the George pub, in Bloxwich, on May 12, Walsall magistrates were told last week.

Walker had brought the two animal heads to the High Street pub and was

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later caught on CCTV placing them on a spiked gate outside a house opposite.

The 46-year-old, of Keats Road, Willenhall, was seen being helped by 53-year-old Holmes, of Parker Street, Bloxwich, who carried a chair out of the pub for him to stand on. Other people recorded their actions on mobile phones.

Mrs Jo Taylor, prosecuting, said the house belonged to a Muslim family. She said this was "one of the worst insults" to their faith.

She said Mr Islam discovered the heads but at first thought they were deflated footballs. "He described himself as being extremely distressed".

Holmes admitted a public order offence without racial intent and was fined £35, with £85 costs and £15 victim surcharge. Walker admitted racially aggravated behaviour and was bailed until October 11 for a report to be prepared.

Ulcers clue to tragedy

A MAN with a history of drinking problems who was found collapsed at his Walsall home had burst ulcers, an inquest heard.

Kieron Hanley, aged 45, was pronounced dead at Manor Hospital despite efforts to resuscitate him on June 21 this year after he was found on the floor of his bedroom by friends.

A post mortem found that unemployed Mr Hanley, of Dolphin Close, Goscote, had ulcers on his oesophagus near the stomach.

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Young trends, 1952



Walsall Museum worker Jennifer Thompson admires a child's coat dating back to 1952

A child's coat from nearly six decades ago is among the items at a display in Walsall Museum.

The fashion exhibition titled When I'm 64 charts the life of Janet, who was born in 1947, through the clothing she would have worn during her life.

Using costumes from the museum's extensive collection the exhibits include two christening gowns taken from the era when robes were passed down. It also features fashions from post war austerity such as child's green coat from 1952, a display of a teenager's dresses from the early 1960s and a typical wedding dress from 1967.

The show runs until December 7.

Automatic

Willenhall's Councillor Diane Coughlan said: "We are trying to get more shoppers into our town centres and we are getting problems with fines. It will drive customers away."

John Albany-Ward, of Crown Wharf operator Munro K Asset Management, said the company is working with the council to iron out any issues.

"It was the council's recommendation to change the system. The new arrangement has been in place for three months and there still seem to be teething issues."

Street cafe plea

A STREET cafe will be set up in Walsall town centre under plans submitted to the borough council. The cafe is planned for the street in front of Dino's Fish and Chip Restaurant, in St Paul's Street, and the Highways Agency has no objections.

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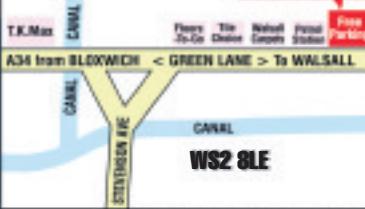
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Legend's boxing gloves are going up for auction

A LEGENDARY Black Country boxer's gloves were going under the auctioneer's hammer in Walsall this week.

A large collection of personal memorabilia that belonged to Halesowen-born Joe Attwood was taken along to a valuation day run by Lichfield-based Richard Winterton Auctioneers.

The welterweight, who was born in 1890 in Hayley Green, fled to Wales to work in the mines and then to Canada after being accused of throwing a fight in his home town and being chased down the street.

Joe, who died in 1975, was reputed to have been able to hold his own in any fight.

He spent his early days in fairground boxing booths before becoming



A selection of the medals

a professional. In Canada he joined the Canadian Army during the First World War. He carried on boxing in the army as Sgt Attwood and after the war returned to England and resumed his lads believed that he had been bribed so to do by the bookmakers and chased him down the road.

In 131 bouts he had 102 wins 10 draws and lost 16. Despite his success and world travels, including fights in New York and Canada.

Surprise

Joe's roots remained in his home town and he always longed to see his 'old cronies'.

According to Halesowen legend one fight was arranged at the Borough Hall with Cradley Heath's Joe Robinson and many locals placed bets on Joe to win the fight.

To the surprise, disappointment and anger of all he lost the contest in eight rounds and many of the local



Boxer Joe Attwood in action

lads believed that he had been bribed so to do by the bookmakers and chased him down the road.

The medals to be featured in the sale today (Thursday) and tomorrow (Friday) include his first welterweight medal from Paris 1919, a 1918 gold winners' medal, his First World War and Victory medals and a First World War City of Welling gold medal.

The haul also includes his 1922 licence card to fight in New York, photographs and programmes.

The collection is lot 450 in the antique, 20th century and collectors' sale at Lichfield Auction Centre, which is also being filmed for ITV's Dickinson's Real Deal.

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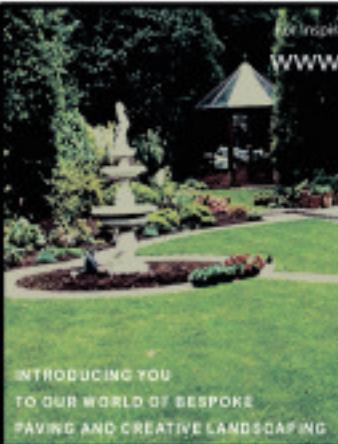
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Halloween amid the trees

A SPOOKY Halloween stroll around Walsall Arboretum will raise cash for a hospice charity in Walsall.

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Mr Groom said: "I had come back from shopping when I noticed it. There were cable clips on the ground."

There were 1,125 thefts of lead, copper and other metals in Walsall between July 2010 and June this year.

Shopping

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Drug charge pair cleared

THE case against a married couple accused of possessing cannabis has been dropped at Walsall Magistrates Court.

Stewart McLuckie, 29, of Tyler Road, + and Samantha McLuckie, 28, of Temple Road, Willenhall, faced a joint allegation of possession of cannabis.

It was alleged that on March 11 plants worth more than £1,000 were found at a home.

Mr McLuckie was also accused of producing the drug.

Man denies knife charge

A WALSALL man has been bailed after being charged with possession of a kitchen knife in a street.

Peter Moore, aged 44, of Sandwell Street, Caldmore, denies possessing the knife in Pinfold Street, Darlaston, on July 14.

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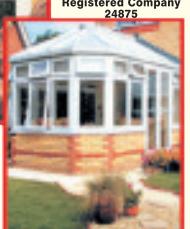
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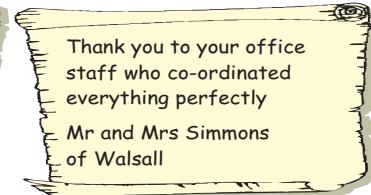
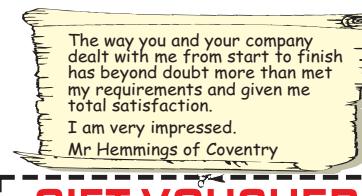
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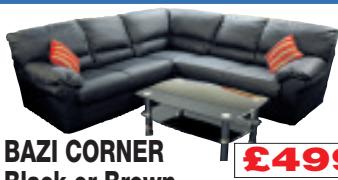
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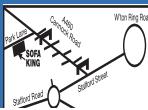
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Celebrities

Visitors will also be able to see all the latest 2012 launch models, compare and contrast different products and prices and order in time for the 2012 holiday season.

Enjoy informative and entertaining holiday-themed features; appearances by celebrities including Patrick Duffy, aka Dallas' Bobby Ewing who'll be joining The Caravan Club on Tuesday (11) and cheeky Italian chef Gino D'Acampo who'll be sharing meal-on-the-move ideas on Wednesday (12) and Saturday (15) and all

for a great value ticket price starting at just £7.00* including parking and a Show guide.

For those with children there is entertainment in the Club House plus a free toddlers' crèche is on offer to occupy to eight-year-olds on Saturday (15) and Sunday (16).

Book tickets before October 10 and benefit from £2 off the on-the-door ticket price: £8 adults (£10 on-the-door), £7 seniors over 60 years (£9 on-the-door) and children under 16 years can visit free, when accompanied by an adult (booking and transaction fees apply).

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Black History Month talent hunted

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The New Art Gallery hosts the event on Saturday, October 1, from noon to 4pm, and anyone who wishes to perform is urged to call Deb Slade on 01922 653114.

Uzambezi Arts, the premier UK based music and dance company specialising in

southern African and Zimbabwean songs and dances, will be featured. Their uninhibited staccato rhythms blend with rich a cappella harmonies, say organisers.

Apart from the Young, Gifted and Black talent show, the event will include the Black History Lounge where visitors can browse black history resources, African market stalls. For more Black History Month go to www.whatsonwalsall.co.uk

Safety probe at town terminus

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SAFETY at a Walsall bus terminus which has just been revamped to the tune of hundreds of thousands of pounds is to be investigated after campaigners claimed that pedestrians were at risk of being injured.

Transport campaigner Councillor Graham Wilkes said people were still crossing the road in front of moving buses despite the £430,000 scheme to improve shelters and the road at Bradford Place.

Walsall Council has confirmed highways bosses and councillors were due to carry out a site visit at the interchange this week to get a first-hand look at pedestrian movements.

Councillor Wilkes and former West Midlands Passenger Transport Authority chairman Councillor Gary Clarke campaigned for improvements after a pensioner was knocked down in 2009.

Design

Councillor Wilkes said: "Nothing has changed with regard to safety which was the reason the work at Bradford Place was done in the first place."

"Pedestrians are still not using the designated walkway which in my opinion is due to the poor design of the scheme," he added.

Walsall Council transportation manager Stuart Everton said he hoped the site visit would help resolve the issue.

Gift fair for Rosie's fund

A CHARITY set up in honour of Aldridge schoolgirl Rosie Ross who was stabbed to death in 1991, is organising a Christmas fair.

The gift fair will be held at the Compass Suites at the Masonic Hall, in The Green, Aldridge, on November 27 from 11am to 4pm.

Black Country Ales director Angus McMeeking with landlords Michael O'Neill, wife Dawn and Chris Plumby outside the Court House, Dudley

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Walsall's own Pavarotti

LOCAL HERITAGE



STUART WILLIAMS, of the Walsall Local History Centre, the borough council's archives service and local studies library, takes a close look at some of the remarkable and inspirational people associated with the area

MANY people will know that the borough of Walsall is famed for its rock musicians. But before that, Walsall was also known in a very different musical sphere, as the birthplace of a man whom we might call 'Walsall's Pavarotti'.

Frank Coningsby Mullings was born at the Butts in Walsall on May 10, 1881. As a boy Frank had a wonderful voice – he was the soloist at Wood Green church and made his concert debut at the age of 11, singing the soprano solos in Mendelssohn's Elijah at Wednesbury.

After becoming a teacher at Bridge School, Walsall, where he was educated, he was also a popular member of Walsall Cricket Club. But some time around 1904, Frank decided to make singing his career. From 1905–1909 he studied at the Birmingham School of Music. In 1907 Mullings won a scholarship there, studying under Fred W Beard, and George A Breeden, the greatest of all vocal teachers associated with the school until he was considered sufficiently advanced to make a tentative operatic debut.

That début took place in Coventry in 1907 in a concert performance of Gounod's Faust. A natural actor blessed with a strong stage presence and a forceful, if not always pitch-perfect, singing style, his success at this first attempt induced him to proceed with a vocal career, starting with the John Riddings Opera Company for the summer of 1907.

College

He eventually made his initial London appearance at the Queen's Hall in 1911, from where he went rapidly forward.

Mullings sang in many concerts and oratorios at provincial meetings, and in 1913 he went into Grand Opera, making his début at Birmingham's Prince of Wales Theatre.

That year he became a member of the Denhof Opera Company, where his acclaimed first tour as Tristan put him well on the way to the front rank as an English tenor. In 1916, Sir Thomas Beecham formed a fine company of British artists, with Frank Mullings, Frederic Austin, Frederick Ranalow, Robert Radford, and Miriam Licette among the principals, singing operas in English, and began many seasons at the Aldwych and Drury Lane Theatres in London.

It was there that Mullings was heard to best advantage when he gave wonderful studies of Otello and Tristan. Frank was engaged by the Beecham Opera Company until 1921. A notable milestone in Frank Mullings' career was when he was the first to sing the part of Wagner's Parsifal in English, which he did at the Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, in 1919. He



Frank Mullings as Canio in *Pagliacci*, 1923-4

later performed with the British National Opera Company from 1922 until its closure in 1929.

Mullings was a noted interpreter, in England at least, of Verdi's *Otello*, and was also the first to sing that role in English, as well as being noted for his performance as Wagner's *Tristan*.

He created the role of Hadjar in *Nail* by Isidore de Lara (1910), and the role of Apollo in *Akilles* by Rutland Boughton (1922).

Music critic Neville Cardus, who came to know Mullings well, wrote in one of his press reviews: "Mr Mullings acted *Canio* in *Pagliacci* far beyond the plane of conventional Italian opera of the 'blood and sand' order. His singing is not exactly all honey, but how intensely he lived in the part! He almost persuades us that there is real tragedy about – that if the puppet *Canio* were pricked, blood and not sawdust would come forth."

Sir Thomas Beecham wrote in his book *A Mingled Chime* (1943) that Frank Mullings' voice "had a poetry, spirituality and intelligence which I have never heard in any other native artist and in very few elsewhere," and there were many who agreed with that sentiment at the time.

Frank is thought to have lived in Glebe Street, Walsall, for several years and taught singing lessons at Darlington Street Methodist Church in Wolverhampton. At the height of his fame, he joined the staff of the Birmingham School of Music, teaching voice, and worked there from 1927 until 1946.

He also lectured at the Royal Manchester College of Music from 1944 but returned regularly to the Midlands to teach. Frank's voice is preserved on a series of 80rpm (not 78rpm)



Frank Mullings as Herod at Walsall Choral Dramatic Festival in the Town Hall, Christmas 1935

records which he made for Columbia, including selections from Lohengrin, Meistersinger, Tannhäuser, Aida, Pagliacci and *Otello*, as well as oratorio and songs among which last-mentioned was The Gentle Maiden which achieved tremendous popularity. Some of these are at Walsall Local History Centre.

Mullings died in Manchester on May 19, 1953, at the age of 72. His obituary in *The Gramophone* by H Hugh Harvey recalled "...the great days of the Beecham Opera Company's performances during the First World War, and ... happy memories of one of the finest artists of his day."

While he might not have achieved the dizzying heights of the modern Three Tenors of his own time Frank Mullings was justly famous in the world of English opera, and put his home town firmly on the operatic stage.

I can see no reason why he should not be affectionately known to posterity as 'Walsall's Pavarotti'.



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In September 2010 we were awarded specialist sports college status, with a strong focus on health and fitness which will add to the strength of our original specialism in technology.

The formation of an educational trust in January 2010 enables Brownhills School to work closely with University College Birmingham and Walsall College. This exciting partnership enables the school to offer a strong educational pathway through to university education.

We know that choosing your child's secondary school is one of the most important decisions that parents make with their children and we do everything possible to enable you to make that choice easier.

We look forward to meeting you and your child at our Open Mornings.

For additional advice, reassurance and to arrange a visit at any time, please contact the Head teacher's Secretary directly on 01543 452886 (ext 204) or 07747 846530 after 4.30 pm.

School buses currently serve a number of areas in Walsall.



Cheslyn Hay Sport and Community High School pupils return to class after getting a closer look at a helicopter

Pupils make most of emergency landing

A HELICOPTER travelling from Gatwick to Manchester was forced into an emergency landing at a school near Walsall.

The private aircraft, affected by poor visibility due to heavy rain, came down in the sports field at Cheslyn Hay Sport & Community High School.

Distance

Staff were quickly on the scene to investigate and once they were satisfied that the pilot was unhurt and there was no risk to pupils, they made the most of the visit. The school

timetable was re-arranged to enable design and technology students to quiz the pilot about helicopter engineering and take a close look at the aircraft.

The helicopter came down in the school playing field just after 9.30am on September 20. Lessons were in progress and the landing went unnoticed by all except a school office worker.

Pilot Nick Sutton, a businessman, recovered from his scare and turned teacher for the next two and a half hours to explain the dynamics of helicopter flight.

Head John Martin said: "It was a golden opportunity for students to hear from the pilot and see the helicopter close up."



Year 10 pupil Jefferson Haddon in the cockpit

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Horses at Daw End, from Roger Jones

Photos submitted this week by John Bird, of Little Bloxwich, Amanda Fry, of Aldridge, Diane Brookes, of Bloxwich, and Roger Jones, of Walsall



Canada geese in the bread queue at Walsall Arboretum, from Amanda Fry



A nuthatch feeds in Roger Jones's garden



Dawn over Pelsall Common, by John Bird

Pictures of life in the borough

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Rainbow over Green Rock School, by Diane Brookes

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Pigeon auction a coo for gallery



Auctioneer Mark Evans with pigeons at the gallery

Chester draws soul fans

SOUL fans can hit the dancefloor in Walsall next week to help boost the Mayor's charity appeal.

Councillor Eileen Russell has organised the event as part of the Mayor of Walsall's Challenge 100, which aims to persuade 100 people to pledge, raise or donate £100 in 100 days.

Councillor Russell has arranged for Walsall soul singer Chester Riggon to

perform, with a curry and disco on offer too.

The event is being held at Walsall Cricket Club, Gorway Road, on Wednesday, October 5, at 7.30pm.

Councillor Russell said: "I know Chester and he's got a lovely voice so the evening promises to be a good night out for all."

Tickets cost £10 and are available on 01922 687015.

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ENERGY Seal, in Planetary Road, Wednesfield, has a 20-strong workforce, striving to be the very best at what they do in all aspects of the industry.

And despite the shrinking economy, the local company has grown to become one of the leading manufacturers of uPVC windows, doors and conservatories in the West Midlands – so much so that the company is looking to expand in the near future, creating more jobs.

This dedication to quality begins with excellent manufacturing of their window system, through to excellent customer service.

Family-run

The company is a family-run business with two brothers, David and Richard Carter, at the helm.

Director of sales, David, says: "We aim to give our customers the very best service the industry can offer."

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Sales receptionist Zoe Carter is always happy to meet and greet existing and new customers in the modern showroom

and roof, right down to fitting electrics, tiling the floor and fitting vertical blinds."

"In our showroom, we have six full-sized conservatories fully-fitted with fixtures and fittings to show our customers exactly what they're buying."

"Energyseal is also looking to create more jobs in the local area."

Richard, the director, adds: "When we started manufacturing, we had three employees. Three years on we now employ 10 fabricators, two fitting teams and six office staff."

"We are always looking to expand our business

so we can create new jobs for local people. Because we offer such an excellent service, most of our work comes from recommendations so this gives us the opportunity to grow. We also supply to the trade industry."

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"Alternatively, pop into our showroom for a free no obligation quote."



Jane Carter, operations manager, looks out over the vastly expanding uPVC company



Kathy Davidson, accounts manager, and projects coordinator Katy Goldson, keeping up with the day-to-day running of the business at Energy Seal, based in Planetary Road



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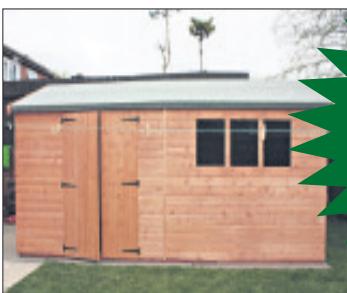
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Can't beat The Drums

The Drums – Portamento

Just over a year since their debut album, New York's The Drums have hit the jackpot with a second album that lives up to all their promise and more. They have fine-tuned those Smiths and surf influences into their own distinctive sound, although the genes come from Morrissey-Marr and The Beach Boys.

The songs have an autobiographical theme for singer and chief songwriter Jonny Pierce and the pains of adolescence usually make for a good pop record. The guitars jangle and chime and Jakob Graham conjures sounds from his synths not heard since the early 80s.

Right from the off Pierce is railing against a religious upbringing in Book Of Revelation. Please Don't Leave has all the hallmarks of classic 'indie' pop and If He Likes It Let Him Do it pumps its line over a melody and vocal reminiscent of A-ha.

See them at Birmingham Institute Library on Monday November 28.

Bombay Bicycle Club - A Different Kind Of Fix

London's Bombay Bicycle Club have plugged in their electric guitars after their acoustic tour and drawn upon psychedelic pop and shoegazer rock for their third album.

The folk influence remains, for they get Fleet Foxes-like on Fracture and Beggars (at least until the drums and guitars cut in). However, Your Eyes ends up as soaring psychedelic pop and Lights Out Words Gone is a whispered soulful shuffle. Still ends the album with an anthemic dancefloor smoocher I Just Want A Lover. He certainly has at least three installments here for his second volume after his platinum selling Hits collection.

Will Young is in concert at Birmingham O2 Academy on Sunday, November 20.

NEW ALBUMS



The Drums – The Smiths blended with The Beach Boys, only much better than that sounds

Will Young – Echoes

If you've heard hit single Jealousy – and if you haven't you can't have been listening to music radio in recent months – then you have been well prepared for Echoes, for this pristine pop album iscut from the same cloth.

Ten years on from his Pop Idol triumph, it is hard to believe that Young ever needed to take the talent show route to success. Here he sounds better than ever as his recent break to pursue acting roles has allowed him to come back refreshed. His fifth album shows him in fine vocal form, sometimes adopting a soulful falsetto, for songs united by a theme of bruised and broken hearts. It is crisply produced by Richard X. If Jealousy is the obvious hit, count on Silent Valentine as a certain future chart-topper (particularly if released shortly before February 14). To that you can add the slinky Safe From Harm and the George Michael-like dancefloor smoocher I Just Want A Lover. He certainly has at least three installments here for his second volume after his platinum selling Hits collection.

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Ed Sheeran – +

The tousled-haired young singer-songwriter from Suffolk has been the surprise success story of the summer with his chart-topping debut single, The A Team, a poignant song about a heroin-addicted prostitute.

He is very much a 21st century songsmith, augmenting his simple voice and acoustic guitar approach with a few understated hip-hop influences, without being as experimental as the dubstep-influenced singer-songwriter James Blake.

What is appealing about Sheeran, what has taken this debut album to the top and makes his concerts the hottest ticket in town – including those for his gig at Wolverhampton Civic Hall on Tuesday, January 17 – is that he writes about real people in real situations. The public can identify with his songs, whether they be about embarking on fatherhood or the simple delight in feeling a loved one's eyelash flutter on your cheek as you lie together.

If you like music rooted in real life, if you like artists such as Damien Rice, David Gray and Tracy Chapman, you will probably enjoy +.

The Rifles – Freedom Run

Listen up fans of Editors, The Beta Band, Stereophonics, The Bees and The Coral, or rather listen to, The Rifles.

The London band specialise in infectious, melodic guitar-riffing pop/rock and with veteran ace producer Chris Potter (The Rolling Stones, The Clash, U2 and The Verve's Urban Hymns) at the controls, Freedom Run is something special.

Potter has given The Rifles the means to create their own wall of sound with additional piano and strings adding to the guitars and harmonies.

Aptly for a band that loves The Jam, he has brought a Motown influence that is most apparent on Tangled Up In Love. And if you want mod, you will not hear many new songs more modish than Love Is A Key.

You can join The Rifles at Birmingham O2 Academy on Monday, November 7.

The Answer – Revival

The opening slide guitar licks blend into opening track Waste Your Tears and the Northern Irish melodic metal band deliver a classic swaggering rocker that could have been recorded any time in the past 35 years.

Cormac Neeson is a rock vocalist from the classic Plant/Coverdale/Bon Scott mould, and any doubts about placing him in such star-studded company should be allayed by the time you've reached their third album's third track, the harmonica-blasting rasper Trouble.

He duets (duels?) with St Jude's Lynne Jackman on the battle of the lungs that is supercharged power ballad Nowhere Freeway.

It will be a case of Birmingham are you ready to rock when The Answer visit the O2 Academy on October 19.

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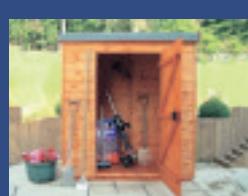
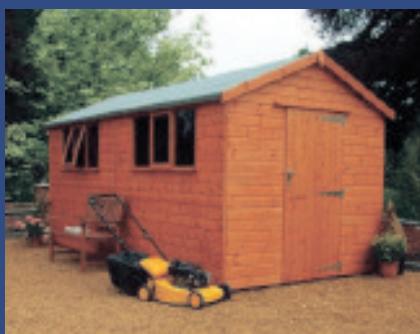
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Alan to head the comedy capers

THE COMEDY highlight of the next week will be that chatty man Alan Carr's two nights at Birmingham NIA over the weekend, October 1 and 2.

But there are also laughs to be had in Wolverhampton with Russell Kane at the Wulfrun Hall on Sunday (Oct 2) and Hal Cruttenden at The Slade Rooms on Tuesday (Oct 4).

Meanwhile, the much-loved comedienne and actress Beryl Reid will be remembered in Roll Out The Beryl at the city's Arena Theatre tomorrow night (Friday, Sep 30). Expect a guest appearance from her marvellous Brummie character Marlene.

Camp humour and music combine in pink and perky hit show Legally Blonde The Musical. The touring version of the West End hit arrives at Birmingham's New Alex on Tuesday and runs until October 15. It's a great girls' night out.

The Real Deal Comedy Jam brings American stand-up star Cocoa Brown to the Alex on Saturday as part of a five comic bill.

Birmingham Royal Ballet performs its sumptuous version of Beauty and the Beast at Birmingham Hippodrome until Sunday, and there is Chinese circus at Wolverhampton Grand with Shanghai by Cirque du Ciel.

Classic drama follows at the Grand with the West End version of First World War drama Journey's End from October 4 to 8.

There's no show like Slava's Snowshow



Slava Polunin creates a dream-like world which amazes young and old alike

UNLESS you caught one of his previous rare visits to the UK, you will have seen nothing else quite like Slava's Snowshow, the dream-like creation of brilliant Russian clown Slava Polunin.

The France-based entertainer tours the world with his unique and spectacular production, last seen in Birmingham several years ago. But he is bringing his company of clowns back for performances at Birmingham Hippodrome from November 9 to 13.

Slava's vision of clowning is light years away from the tired old big top stereotype. Once seen never forgotten, his show creates an alternative world of strange, surreal beauty where very peculiar things happen, such as a coat and hat stand getting a life of its own or a blizzard happening indoors.

Awards

Slava Polunin was influenced by such artists as Charles Chaplin and Marcel Marceau and he himself went on to influence some of Cirque du Soleil's greatest flights of fancy.

Slava's Snowshow has garnered a shelf full of awards and has been performed in 120 cities in 30 countries to more than three million spectators, and his latest UK visit will include a season at London's Royal Festival Hall.

Few productions really deserve the description 'magical' but Slava's Snowshow does, especially in the famous finale when the audience are united in child-like glee as giant bouncing balls are released into the auditorium.

Tickets are priced at £14 to £30. Special discounts for families available at certain performances. Tickets available online at 0844 338 5000 or online at www.birminghamhippodrome.com. Calls cost from 5p per minute and a five per cent booking fee applies.



Chart sensation Adele will play at the Civic Hall

Adele's concerts are rescheduled

SINGING sensation Adele has rescheduled her two Wolverhampton Civic Hall dates which were postponed due to her chest infection.

The Londoner, whose second album 21 has been a global success, has rearranged six of her UK tour dates from earlier this month for November. The rescheduled Civic dates will now take place on Monday and Tuesday, November 7 and 8. Tickets for September 10 remain valid for November 7 and September 11 tickets for November 8.

Should the rescheduled dates be unsuitable, face value refunds are available from point of purchase on return of tickets. All enquiries to Midland Box Office on 0870 320 7000.

Pumpkins carving out new UK tour

INFLUENTIAL Chicago rock band The Smashing Pumpkins are back on the road and will close their week-long UK tour in November with a gig at Birmingham O2 Academy on Saturday, November 19.

The band featuring singer and guitarist Billy Corgan, guitarist Jeff Schroeder, bassist Nicole Fiorentino and drummer Mike Byrne made an immediate impact in 1991 with their platinum-selling debut Gish. In a career selling 30 million albums they also released Mellon Collie and the Infinite Sadness, Siamese Dream and Adore, before returning in 2007 with sixth album Zeitgeist. Of their new music, Corgan says: "It harkens back to the original psychedelic roots of The Smashing Pumpkins – atmospheric, melodic, heavy and pretty."

Cinema date for Black Country Communion

FOR one night only, on November 1 at 7.30pm, 15 Vue Cinemas nationwide, including Birmingham's new screen, Black Country Communion's debut concert film Live Over Europe in high definition and Dolby 5.1 Surround Sound. Black Country Communion is the Anglo-American rock group featuring the talents of Cannock-raised

bassist/vocalist Glenn Hughes (Deep Purple, Trapeze), blues rock guitarist/vocalist Joe Bonamassa, Dudley-born drummer Jason Bonham (who followed his father into the Led Zeppelin drumset), and keyboardist Derek Sherinian (Dream Theater). Live Over Europe was filmed using 14 HD cameras during BBC's first world tour in 2011.

Recorded in Hamburg, Munich and Berlin, the band's set includes 18 songs taken from both of BCC's albums: 2010's eponymous debut, and this year's follow-up album release 2.

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6.00 Breakfast. 10.00 Saturday Kitchen Live. 11.30 Nigel Slater's Simple Cooking. (R) 12.00 BBC News; Regional News; Weather. 12.15 Football Focus. 1.05 Film: Goal II: Living the Dream. (2007) Football drama, starring Kuno Becker. 2.50 Don't Scare the Hare. 3.30 A Question of Sport. (R) 4.00 Celebrity MasterChef. 4.30 Final Score. 5.10 BBC News; Regional News; Weather. 5.30 Celebrity MasterChef.

6.00 Strictly Come Dancing. Bruce Forsyth and Tess Daly host the second of this weekend's two live shows, as seven more couples take to the floor with either a cha-cha or waltz.

7.05 Doctor Who. The Time Lord makes his final journey to the shores of Lake Silencio in Utah. Last in the series.

7.50 Merlin. New series. Part one of two. Camelot is attacked by creatures from another world.

8.35 The National Lottery: Secret Fortune. Two brothers answer questions in the high-tension quiz show hosted by Nick Knowles.

9.25 Casualty. Linda resorts to desperate measures to help Annie.

10.15 BBC News; Weather.

10.30 Match of the Day. Including highlights of Everton v Liverpool; National Lottery Update.

12.00 The Football League Show.

1.15 Weatherview. 1.20 BBC News.

6.00 CBeebies. 7.00 CBBC. 12.00 Cash in the Celebrity Attic. (R) 12.45 Astaire and Rogers Sing the Great American Songbook. 1.15 Film: Flying Down to Rio. (1933) Musical, starring Gene Raymond. 2.40

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ITV2
3.20 The Only Way Is Essex 4.50 The X Factor 6.20 Film: Catwoman (2004) Superhero adventure, starring Halle Berry. 8.30 Homes from Hell 9.30 The Xtra Factor 10.30 Celebrity Juice 11.15 Film: Happy Gilmore (1996)

ITV3
2.25 Mansfield Park 4.10 Rosemary & Thyme 5.50 Agatha Christie's Marple 7.55 Agatha Christie's Poirot 9.00 A Touch of Frost 11.00 Inspector Morse

ITV4
3.05 British Superbike Championship Highlights 4.05 Film: Kelly's Heroes (1970) 7.00 Rugby World Cup Highlights 8.00 Minder 9.00 Johnny Vegas Live at the Biforn Palace 10.30 Film: American Gangster (2007) Fact-based crime drama, starring Denzel Washington and Russell Crowe.

BBC THREE
7.00 Top Gear 8.05 World's Craziest Fools 8.35 Doctor Who Confidential 9.20 Great Movie Mistakes 2: The Sequel 9.30 Film: Con Air (1997) 11.20 Family Guy

BBC FOUR
7.00 Life 8.00 Michael Wood's Story of England 9.00 Inspector Montalbano 10.35 Sandhurst 11.35 Top of the Pops: 1976

E4
1.25 Hollyoaks 4.00 Made in Chelsea 5.00 One Tree Hill 6.00 Samantha Who? 7.00 The Big Bang Theory 7.55 Perfect Couples 8.25 How I Met Your Mother 8.55 Happy Endings 9.30 Film: Babylon AD (2008) Sci-fi adventure, starring Vin Diesel. 11.10 The Cleveland Show

FILM4
3.05 Yangtze Incident (1957) 4.55 Tristan and Isolde (2006) 7.15 Bedazzled (2000) Fantasy comedy remake, starring Brendan Fraser. 9.00 A Time to Kill (1996) 11.50 Saw II (2005)

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THAT SUNDAY NIGHT SHOW

ITV1, 10.15pm

Sometimes it's easy to forget that despite fronting much-maligned breakfast show Daybreak and ITV's UEFA Champions League coverage, Adrian Chiles is actually a proper, bona fide journalist. Therefore, his ability to host a series like this is undoubtedly, but whether or not his talent is suited to the format is questionable. As usual, the content is very much up-to-the-minute, so there's no way to tell where the news will take it, but usual topics up for discussion between Adrian and his guests are the latest political headlines, and celebrity crazes.

BBC1

- 6.00 Breakfast. 7.35 Match of the Day. (R) 9.00 The Andrew Marr Show. 10.00 Sunday Morning Live. 11.00 Country Tracks. 12.00 The Politics Show. 1.05 EastEnders. 3.00 Escape to the Country. (R) 4.00 Deadly 60 on a Mission. (R) 4.30 Planet Dinosaur. (R) 5.00 Points of View. 5.30 Songs of Praise.
- 6.30 BBC News; Regional News; Weather.
- 7.00 Countryfile. Matt Baker and Helen Skelton visit the World Sheep Dog Trials.
- 8.00 Antiques Roadshow. Fiona Bruce and the experts visit Lulworth Castle in Dorset, where items include a rare copy of the abdication papers of Edward VIII and a leather tankard made for Oliver Cromwell.
- 9.00 Spooks. An anarchist enters the country.
- 10.00 BBC News; Regional News; Weather.
- 10.25 My Favourite Joke. Comedians discuss Woody Allen, Richard Pryor, Jack Dee and Laurel and Hardy. (R)
- 10.55 Outnumbered. Ben is determined to enter a school talent competition. (R)
- 11.25 Ask Rhod Gilbert. With Deborah Meaden and Shappi Khorsandi. (R)
- 12.00 The Sky at Night. 12.20 Weatherview. 12.25 Sign Zone: Dragons' Den. (R) 1.25 Holby City. (R) 2.25 Antiques Road Trip. (R) 3.10 Windfarm Wars. (R) 4.10 BBC News.

BBC2

- 6.00 CBeebies. 6.30 MotoGP. The Japanese Grand Prix (Start-time 7.00am). 8.00 CBBC. 10.00 Something for the Weekend. 11.30 The Great British Bake Off. (R) 12.30 MotoGP. (R) 2.00
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- Racing from Longchamp. 3.35 Rugby League. 4.30 James May's Things You Need to Know. 5.00 The RIBA Stirling Prize 2011: A Culture Show Special.
- 6.00 Dragons' Den: How to Win in the Den. (R)
- 7.00 Top Gear. (R)
- 8.00 A South American Journey with Jonathan Dimbleby. The broadcaster embarks on a journey across Brazil. Last in the series.
- 9.00 Fry's Planet Word. How language contributes to people's identity.
- 10.00 Match of the Day 2. Including highlights of Tottenham Hotspur v Arsenal.
- 11.20 Mock the Week. With guests Milton Jones and Ed Byrne. (R)
- 11.50 FILM: Kidulthood. (2005) Premiere. Urban drama, starring Noel Clarke.
- 1.20 The RIBA Stirling Prize 2011: A Culture Show Special. (R) 2.20 BBC News. 4.05 Close.

ITV1

- 8.00 Live Rugby World Cup. Ireland v Italy (Kick-off 8.30am). 11.00 ITV News; Weather. 11.05 Film: Dragonheart. (1996) Fantasy adventure, starring Dennis Quaid. 1.00 The X Factor. (R) 3.00 Countrywise – The Real Downton Abbey. (R) 4.00 Downton Abbey. (R) 5.15 Rugby World Cup Highlights.
- 6.15 Regional Programmes.
- 6.30 ITV News; Weather.
- 6.45 Holding Out for a Hero. Three more contestants take part.
- 7.45 The X Factor. The judges have to tell the remaining acts in their categories who has made it into the final 16, and who is heading home disappointed. Dermot O'Leary presents.
- 9.00 Downton Abbey. The wounded officers arrive at Downton.
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- 12.45 Film: T4: Cheaper By the Dozen 2. (2005) Comedy sequel, starring Steve Martin. 2.45 T4: The Simpsons. (R) 3.20 T4: The Simpsons. (R) 3.50 Channel 4 Presents – Nathan Stephens: True Grit. (R) 3.55 Best of British. 4.55 Deal or No Deal. 5.55 Channel 4 News.

Channel 4

- 6.10 The Hoobs. (R) 6.35 The Hoobs. (R) 7.00 Ironman Wales. 7.50 T4: Channel 4 Presents – Jonnie Peacock. (R) 7.55 T4: One Tree Hill. (R) 8.50 T4: Battlefront. 9.05 T4: Hollyoaks. 11.35 T4: Kasabian: The Album Chart Show. Special. 12.10 T4: Abduction: T4 Movie Special. 12.45 Film: T4: Cheaper By the Dozen 2. (2005) Comedy sequel, starring Steve Martin. 2.45 T4: The Simpsons. (R) 3.20 T4: The Simpsons. (R) 3.50 Channel 4 Presents – Nathan Stephens: True Grit. (R) 3.55 Best of British. 4.55 Deal or No Deal. 5.55 Channel 4 News.
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- 6.25 4thought.tv.
- 6.30 FILM: Star Trek. (2009) Premiere. Sci-fi adventure, starring Chris Pine.
- 9.00 Fighting on the Frontline.
- 10.00 FILM: Nowhere Boy. (2009) Premiere. Biopic of John Lennon, starring Aaron Johnson.
- 11.50 Music on 4: Arthur's Day.
- 12.55 Trip to Yatkumhatka. (R) 1.00 American Football Live. 4.45 European Wheelchair Fencing Championships 2011. (R) 5.10 Brief Encounters of the Sporting Mind: Rally Driving. (R) 5.20 Countdown. (R)

Channel 5

- 6.00 Milkshake! Peppa Pig. 6.05 Roary the Racing Car. (R) 6.15 Fifi and the Flowertots. (R) 6.25 Fireman Sam. (R) 6.40 Harry and His Bucket Full of Dinosaurs. (R) 6.50 Elmo's World. (R) 7.05 The Save-Ums! (R) 7.25 Noddy in Toyland. (R) 7.40 Hana's Helpline. (R) 7.55 Little Princess. (R) 8.05 The Adventures of Bottie Top Bill and His Best Friend Corky. (R) 8.25 Angelina Ballerina. 8.40 Rupert Bear. (R) 9.00 Olivia. (R) 9.10 The Mr Men Show. (R) 9.25 Roary the Racing Car. (R) 9.40 Animal Families. (R) 10.00 Great Edinburgh Run. 2011. Live coverage of the annual 10km race. 11.30 Inside Hollywood. 11.40 The Beat Goes On. 12.40 Big Brother. (R) 1.40 Film: Westbound. (1959) Western, starring Randolph Scott. 3.05 Film: Stand By Me. (1986) Coming-of-age drama, starring River Phoenix. 4.45 Film: The Goonies. (1985) Children's adventure, starring Sean Astin.
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- 7.00 Extraordinary People: The World's Smallest Musclemen. A profile of primordial dwarf Aditya "Romeo" Dev. (R)
- 8.00 5 News Weekend.
- 8.05 Warship.
- 9.00 Big Brother.
- 10.00 FILM: Shallow Hal. (2001) Comedy, starring Gwyneth Paltrow and Jack Black.
- 12.10 Ultimate Emergency Bikers. (R) 1.10 SuperCasino. 4.00 Meals in Moments. (R) 4.10 UEFA Europa League Highlights. 5.00 Hana's Helpline. (R) 5.10 The Milkshake! Show. (R) 5.35 Thomas & Friends. (R) 5.45 Roary the Racing Car. (R)

Digital

- ITV2 3.55 Minute to Win It 4.55 Film: Catwoman (2004) 7.00 The Biggest Loser 8.00 Help! I Caught It Abroad 2 9.00 The Xtra Factor 10.15 The Only Way Is Essex 11.00 Film: Miss Congeniality 2: Armed and Fabulous (2005)
- ITV3 2.10 Film: The Great St Trinian's Train Robbery (1966) 4.05 Film: Mr Bean's Holiday (2007) 5.50 Agatha Christie's Poirot 6.50 The Darling Buds of May 9.00 Film: Ray (2004)
- BBC THREE 7.00 Doctor Who 7.45 Doctor Who Confidential 8.00 Young Soldiers 9.00 Live at the Apollo 10.00 The Fades 11.00 Family Guy 11.45 American Dad!
- BBC FOUR 7.00 The Department Store 8.00 The Maharajas' Motor Car: The Story of Rolls-Royce in India 9.00 The Secret Life of the Airport 10.00 Film: Eyes Wide Open (2009) 11.30 Singer-Songwriters at the BBC
- E4 4.05 Supersize vs Superskinny 5.10 Film: Charlotte's Web (2006) 7.00 Smallville 8.00 Film: Juniper (2008) Fantasy thriller, starring Hayden Christensen and Samuel L Jackson. 9.40 Rude Tube 10.15 The Inbetweeners 10.50 The IT Crowd 11.20 Campus
- FILM 3.00 Volcano (1997) 4.55 Carry On Abroad (1972) 6.40 A Room with a View (1986) 8.55 Saoirse Ronan on The Lovely Bones 9.00 The Lovely Bones (2009) 11.35 Water Lilies (2007)



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BBC2 6.00 CBeebies. 7.00 CBBC. 8.30 CBeebies. 11.00 Daily Politics Conference Special. 1.00 Diagnosis Murder. (R) 1.45 To Buy or Not to Buy. (R) 2.15 Weakest Link. 3.00 Wanted Down Under. (R) 3.45 Escape to the Country. (R) 4.30 Flog It! 5.15 Antiques Road Trip. 6.00 Eggheads. 6.30 Strictly Come Dancing – It Takes Two. 7.00 Cooking Den. (R) 8.00 The Great British Bake Off. 9.00 Hairy Bikers' Meals on Wheels. 10.00 Later Live – with Jools Holland. 10.30 BBC News. 11.00 Weather. 11.20 Today at Conference. 11.50 A South American Journey with Jonathan Dimbleby. (R) 12.00 Damages. (R) 1.35 BBC News. 4.00 BBC Learning Zone.

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Channel 5 6.00 Milkshake! 9.15 The Wright Stuff. 11.10 LIVE with Gabby. 12.05 5 News. Lunchtime. 12.15 Big Brother. (R) 1.15 Home and Away. 1.45 Neighbours. 2.15 CSI: Miami. (R) 3.15 Film: Love's Unfolding Dream. (2007). Period drama, starring Sophie Taylor-Compton. 3.20 News. 3.50 Neighbours. (R) 6.00 Home and Away. (R) 7.25 OK! TV. 7.30 5 News at 7.30 Celebrity Wish List; 5 News Update. 8.00 The Gadget Show; 5 News at 9.00 The Hotel Inspector. 10.00 Big Brother. 11.00 Big Brother's Bit on the Side. 12.00 Ultimate Police Interceptors. (R) 12.55 SuperCasino. 4.00 Meals in Moments. (R) 4.10 Grey's Anatomy. 4.55 Rough Guide to Beaches. (R) 5.10 Wildlife SOS. (R) 5.35 House Doctor. (R)

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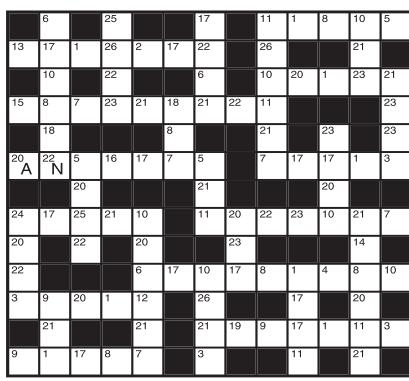
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1 R	2 S	3 C	4 Q	5 U	6 H	7 Y	8 E	9 T	10 I	11 F	12 Z	13 A
14 O	15 G	16 B	17 J	18 P	19 D	20 L	21 K	22 W	23 V	24 A	25 M	26 X

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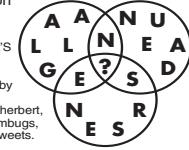
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**Circlegram**

Replace the question mark with a letter so that the letters within each circle can be arranged to form words on a common theme. What are the three words, and the letter represented by the question mark?



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SOLUTION:
The letter
represented
by the
question
mark is B. Sherbert,
rumballs, humbugs,
all types of sweets.

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**Double Crossword**

Choose either quick or cryptic clues - both fit the same grid.

Cryptic Clues:**Across**

- Something for people to obey or dance round in (9)
- Consumes some cheese at supper-time (4)
- Put in for one's pleasure (9)
- Approximate length of an informal acclue (2-4)
- Finally refusing employment (5)
- Attire suitable for climber (3-2)
- You won't hear your voice described (4)
- Possibly smart vehicles (5)
- He's wicked when old (4)
- It must be back before the tenth (5)
- Bird came out of hibernation (5)
- Spat in the tank ietherically! (6)
- Watch and see how long the music takes! (9)
- To turn to something fragrant (4)
- Russian compiler's dog? (3,6)

Down

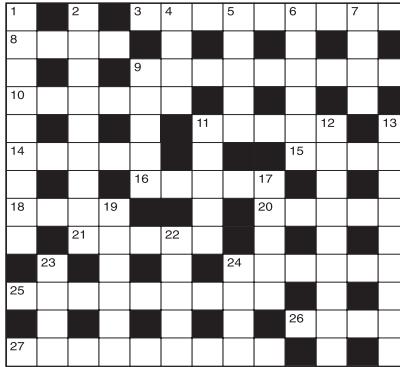
- He supplies people with the latest information (9)
- Exercises little cats become involved in (9)
- A step up the ladder (4)
- Thoughts from Sadie (5)
- Add a very quiet finale (6)
- Group of actors start to find (4)
- To sleep in it is unwise (5)
- It's the custom to give us time (5)
- Good breeding quality (9)
- It may come from a friend, but also from a foe in fact (9)
- Half a quarter (5)
- Lowers oneself? (6)
- It may be used for coats of many colours (5)
- Apparently not the top team (4)
- A chore with no alternative but to hurt (4)

Quick Clues:**Across**

- Candidate (9)
- Finished (4)
- Expiration (9)
- However (6)
- Advise (5)
- Offices (5)
- Go first (4)
- Shirk (5)
- Judge (4)
- Yet (5)
- Elevate (5)
- Empty (6)
- Song (9)
- Aspiration (4)
- Savagery (9)

Down

- Strength (9)
- Answer (9)
- Way (4)
- Of the moon (5)
- Force (6)
- Name (4)
- Consent (5)
- Serious (5)
- Pleasing (9)
- Flattering (9)
- Composition (5)
- Loadstone (6)
- Move furitively (5)
- Indgent (4)
- Huge (4)



LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS:
CRYPTIC - Across: 1 Toll; 3 Barnacle; 8 Airy; 9 Drawback; 11 Saint Bernards; 13 Claptrap; 14 Easier; 17 Flying off her; 20 Macaroni; 21 Liar; 22 Anecdote; 23 Open down; 1 Transact; 2 Lourises; 4 Asperged; 5 Novel; and then; 6 Chair; 7 Elks; 10 Stronghold; 12 Preserve; 15 Herring; 16 Afford; 18 Issue; 19 Emma. QUICK - Across: 1 Tame; 3 Pressing; 8 Lure; 9 Escapade; 11 Single-minded; 13 Adroit; 14 Attire; 17 Afterthought; 20 Adriatic; 21 Zero; 22 Entreaty; 23 Uses. Down: 1 Talisman; 2 Mariner; 4 Resume; 5 Stagnation; 6 Irate; 7 Gleee; 10 Illiterate; 12 Destroys; 15 Ingress; 16 Strict; 18 First; 19 Late.

Sudoku

Fill in the grid below so that every column, every row and each of the 3x3 boxes contains all the digits from 1 to 9.

LAST WEEK'S
SOLUTIONS >

4	5	3	8	7	9	2	1	
1	7	9	5	4	2	3	8	6
6	2	8	1	3	7	4	5	9
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	12.30-2.30pm	It's Sew Easy	£4.00
	11.00-11.30am	NHS Mobility Exercise	Free
	1.00 - 3.00pm	Jewellery Making	£6.00
	2.15 - 3.15pm	Sequence Dancing	£2.50
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	10.30 - 12.30pm	Computer Club	£4.00
	1.30 - 3.30pm	Digital Photography	£4.00
	7.00-9.00pm	Sugarcraft	£4.50
THURSDAY	9.30 - 11.00am	French	£5.50
	9.30 - 11.30am	Sugar Craft	£4.50
	10.00-12.00pm	Knit & Knatter	£2.00
	3.00 - 4.30pm	Lino Dancing	£3.75
	7.00 - 8.00pm	Zumba	£4.00
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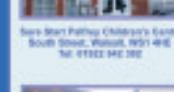
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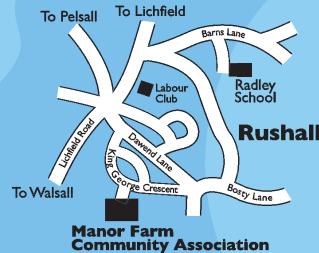
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Whether it's a new hobby or interest, an Adult Education course leading to a qualification, activities or care for your children - young or old, or a new fitness facility or venue for your group, you can be sure that Manor Farm has something to offer you. For further details on our organisation or should you wish to make any suggestions or comments on our activities, please contact the Community Office on 01922 614316 or why not pop in to see us. We will be delighted to see you!



King George Crescent, Rushall
Walsall WS4 1EU
Telephone: 01922 614316
Email: info@manorfarmca.com

VOCATIONAL COURSES

MONDAY

City and Guilds Creative Techniques in Floristry
5.00pm-8.00pm **Beginners**
5.30pm-8.30pm **Improvers**

Creative Techniques in Sugarcraft
6.30pm-9.00pm **Level 1 & 2**

Teaching Assistant Qualification Supporting Teaching and Learning in Schools
12.45pm-2.45pm **Level 2**
12.45pm-2.45pm **Level 3**

OCR Entry Level 3 Information Computer Technology
A beginners computer course.
10.00am-12noon

Adult Literacy

Improve your literacy skills and gain a recognised qualification.
10.00am-12noon

City and Guilds Teaching Certificate
Preparing to teach in the Lifelong Learning Sector (PTTLLS) 7303.

6.30pm-8.30pm

Adult Numeracy

Improve your numeracy skills and gain a recognised qualification.
7.00pm-9.00pm

TUESDAY


BCS Level 1 and 2 IT Skills Award
ECDL Essentials and ECDL Extra.
10.00am-1.00pm

BCS Level 1 and 2 (October start) IT Skills Award
FCDL Essentials and FCDL Extra.
6.30pm-9.00pm

FAST TRACK

A course for those who wish to gain their chosen qualification at their own pace.

You can achieve FCDL Essentials and Extra, ITC Level 1 and 2 or ECDL Advanced modules.

1.00pm-3.00pm

Literacy

English should not be a life 'sentence' improve your literacy skills and gain a certificate.

7.00pm-9.00pm

Cache QCF (NVQ) Supporting Teaching and Learning in Schools

A recognised qualification for teaching assistants.

7.00pm-9.00pm **Level 2**

7.00pm-9.00pm **Level 3**



WEDNESDAY

BCS Level 1 and 2

IT Skills Award

ECDL Essentials and ECDL Extra.

10.00am-1.00pm

OCR Entry Level 3 Information Computer Technology
A beginners computer course.

3.00pm-5.00pm

Cache QCF (NVQ) Childrens Care Learning and Development
A qualification for Children and Young People's Workforce.

7.00pm-9.00pm **Level 2**
7.00pm-9.00pm **Level 3**

City and Guilds QCF (NVQ) Health and Social Care
7.00pm-9.00pm **Level 2**
7.00pm-9.00pm **Level 3**

THURSDAY

Diploma in Teaching in the Lifelong Learning Sector Level 5 (DTLLS)
4.00pm-8.30pm

Certificate in the Lifelong Learning Sector (CTTLS) 7304

5.00pm-9.00pm

BCS Level 1 and 2

IT Skills Award

ECDL Essentials and ECDL Extra.

12noon-3.00pm

FRIDAY

Diploma in Teaching in the Lifelong Learning Sector Level 5 (DTLLS)
9.00am-2.00pm

Preparing to Teach in the Lifelong Learning Sector (PTTLLS)
9.30am-11.30am

English for speakers of other languages (ESOL)
10.00am-1.00pm

Adult Maths – Minus the pressure!
10.00am-12noon

BCS Level 1 and 2
IT Skills Award

ECDL Essentials and ECDL Extra.

12noon-3.00pm

Sage

Manual and computerised accounts.

12.30pm-2.30pm

OCR Entry Level 3 Information Computer Technology
A beginners computer course.

3.00pm-5.00pm

NEWS JUST IN!!!

Are you unemployed and living in Brownhills, Pelsall, Rushall, Shelfield, Aldridge, Walsall Wood, Pheasey Park Farm, Streetly, Birchills, Leamore or Bloxwich?

If so, you may be entitled to **FREE** entry to our vocational programme

AND support to help you back into employment. Please call our friendly staff NOW on 01922 614316 for more information.

RECREATIONAL COURSES

MONDAY

Confidence Building, Stress Management & Assertiveness

10.00am-12noon

Basic Photography

10.00am-12noon

No Fuss Computing

10.00am-12noon

Communication Skills, Risk Assessment, Health & Safety, Equality & Diversity

10am-12noon & 7-9pm

Electronics for the Beginner to the Improver

Take the hands on approach to servicing your electrical equipment at home!

7.00pm-9.00pm

Arts Mixed Media

Includes watercolours.

7.00pm-9.00pm

Beginners Spanish

7.00pm-9.00pm

Improvers Spanish

7.00pm-9.00pm

Watercolours

Held at Pelsall Activity Centre.

1.00pm-3.00pm

Basic Floristry

For all budding florists.

10.00am-12.30pm

BSL – British Sign Language

10.00am-12noon or

7.00pm-9.00pm

TUESDAY

ART

Held at Rushall Community Centre.

1.00pm-3.00pm

Trace your Family Tree

7.00pm-9.00pm

Keep Fit

Low impact exercise class suitable for all abilities includes fitness room session.

10.00am-11.00am

Floristry for Beginners

For all 'budding' florists.

7.00pm-9.00pm

Confidence Building, Stress Management & Assertiveness

7.00pm-9.00pm

Good Neighbour Coffee Shop

Social club for the over 50's.

10.00am-12noon

BSL – British Sign Language

7.00pm-9.00pm

WEDNESDAY

Basic Photography

Includes digital photography.

7.00pm-9.00pm

Basic introduction to Drawing

7.00pm-9.00pm

Drumming for Beginners

6.30pm-8.30pm

Sugarcraft

Complete beginners and those with a little experience welcome.

7.00pm-9.00pm

Tap Dancing

6.30pm-7.15pm **Beginners**

7.20pm-8.20pm **Improvers**

Watercolours

Held at Pelsall Activity Centre.

1.00pm-3.00pm

Basic Floristry

For all budding florists.

10.00am-12.30pm

Food Safety in Catering

A one day course.

9.30am-4.30pm

Healthier Food and Special Diets

A one day course.

9.30am-4.30pm

Emergency First Aid

9.30am-4.30pm

EBAY for beginners

A three week course.

10.00am-12noon

SATURDAY

CIEH Level 2 Award

Food Safety in Catering

A one day course.

9.30am-4.30pm

CIEH Level 2 Award

Healthier Food and Special Diets

A one day course.

9.30am-4.30pm

Rushall Healing Group

Unwind and receive natural healing from Healing Trust volunteers at Rushall Community Centre, seated or reclined, fully clothed, helps physical, emotional, stress (see our website for results of hospital audit). Suggested donation minimum £5. Call Dave Daniels on 01922 611788. www.midlandshealing.org.uk

6.30pm-9.30pm

FITNESS ACTIVITIES

MONDAY

Keep Fit

Low impact exercise classes for all ages.

8.00pm-9.00pm

ZUMBA

6pm-7pm & 7pm-8pm

Parkinson's Exercise in Water

Improves strength and flexibility.
Held at Oakwood School,
Walsall Wood Hydrotherapy pool.

3.00pm-4.00pm

Momentum Artistic Roller Skating Club

5.30pm-7.00pm

TUESDAY

Keep Fit

Exercise class suitable for all ages.
Held at Rushall Community Centre.

9.45am-10.45am

Good Neighbour Coffee Shop

Social club for the over 50s.

10.00am-12noon

Teamlev8

Urban Gymnastics (7 years+).

6.00pm-7.00pm



Karate

Learn self defence & gain confidence.

7.00pm-8.00pm

Weightwatchers

Held at Rushall Community Centre.

7.00pm-8.00pm

Spartan Combat

Karate & self protection. (14 years+).

9.00pm-10.00pm

Little Steps Gymnastics

9.00am-5.00pm

No need to enrol, just turn up and join in!

WEDNESDAY

Adult Tap Dancing

6.30pm-7.15pm Beginners

7.20pm-8.20pm Improvers

Sports Plus Gymnastics

5.30pm-6.30pm

THURSDAY

Keep Fit

Low impact exercise class suitable for all abilities includes fitness session.

10.00am-11.00am

Social Bowling

2.00pm-4.30pm

Yoga

7.00pm-8.30pm

Step Aerobics

6.45pm-7.45pm

FRIDAY

Family Roller Skating

Skates provided.

6.00pm-7.00pm

Karate

Learn self defence and gain confidence.

7.00pm-8.00pm

SATURDAY

ISKATE

Skates provided (9 years+).

1.15pm-3.15pm

Social Bowling

11.00am-1.00pm

ZUMBA

Held at Rushall Community Centre.

11.00am-11.45am

SUNDAY

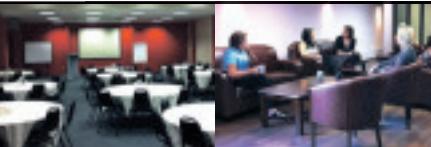
Rushall Healing Group

6.30pm-9.30pm

CONFERENCE AND CATERING

Are you looking for a venue to hold an event, meeting or training in the Walsall area?

Look no further...



Our 13 fully equipped conference rooms are available to hire. Our rooms cater for small bookings through to 150 delegates in our recently refurbished *The Manor Suite*. All support facilities and equipment available including laptops, projectors, flip charts, OHP's and PA system.

Our **Manor Bites Catering Service** offers quality catering for your booking. Whether you require light refreshments or a hot or cold buffet our team can meet your needs.

Call 01922 614316 for more details or to arrange to view our facilities

FIRST FRIENDS

DAY NURSERY



CARING FOR YOUR CHILDREN FOR OVER 25 YEARS

All about us:

- Open from 8.00am-6.00pm for 50 weeks of the year, our nursery is based opposite Rushall JMI School in Pelsall Lane – with ample free car parking and easy access.
- We are Ofsted registered to care for babies aged 6 weeks up to toddlers aged 5 years – Ofsted inspected and judged to be high quality.
- We provide breakfast, a hot midday meal and dessert plus tea and snacks throughout the day.
- We offer both full and flexible part time places to fit in with your needs.
- DFES and Early Years affiliated – able to access Working Family Tax Credit, 3 & 4 year old grants and registered with vouchers for Tax redemption.



Why not pop in to see us with your child and find out about our free settling in sessions or just to view the facilities and speak to our staff! You will be made most welcome!

For more details, to book a place or join us please call our Nursery Manager **Julia Welborn**

01922 691902

SPORT AT MANOR FARM

We have a range of facilities for your team, club or for you & your friends to hire:

**SPORTS HALL · GYMNASIUM
TABLE TENNIS · SQUASH COURTS
BADMINTON COURTS**



Sports Hall has limited availability, call now to avoid disappointment!

LOCAL VENUES TO HIRE

Managed by Manor Farm Community Association these centres are available for hire during the day, evenings and weekends throughout the year.

Please call 01922 614316 for more details

PELSALL ACTIVITY CENTRE



Ideally situated and facilities for:

- Intimate family parties or Birthday parties
- A group to gather for a meeting
- A visit to the local history centre

RUSHALL COMMUNITY CENTRE



A small centre to:

- Hold a family gathering
- Hire for your club/group meetings
- Attend one of our organised activities

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Registered Charity Number: 505889

ADULT LEISURE AND FITNESS CLASSES

MONDAY	6.00 PM - 7.00 PM	ZUMBA.....	£4.00
	7.00 PM - 8.00 PM	STEP & TONE.....	£3.50
TUESDAY	8.30 PM - 9.30 PM	ADULT SWIMMING.....	£3.50
WEDNESDAY	6.00 PM - 7.00 PM	TOTAL TONING	£3.50
	7.00 PM - 8.00 PM	LEGS, BUMS & TUMS	£3.50
	8.00 PM - 8.45 PM	ZUMBA TONE.....	£3.50
	8.45 PM - 9.30 PM	AQUA ZUMBA	£3.50
THURSDAY	8.00 PM - 9.00 PM	ZUMBA TONE & AQUA ZUMBA.....	£5.00
		ZUMBA	£4.00

FITNESS SUITES

Our Fitness Suite is open everyday for unlimited use by members. Equipment includes: treadmills, exercise bikes, rowing machines, cross trainers, as well as resistance machines to tone or build muscle in your upper and lower body. Free weights are also available for use.

OPENING TIMES

Monday - Thursday 5.00 pm - 9.30 pm
Friday 5.00 pm - 8.30 pm
Saturday / Sunday 9.00 am - 4.30 pm (subject to change on centre bookings)

For ALL members a compulsory induction on our equipment is required for health and safety reasons regardless of any past gym experience.

INDUCTIONS £8.00

MEMBERSHIP PACKAGES

PAY AS YOU GO £3.80 per visit (£2.80 Concession)
PAY MONTHLY £15.00 per month (£11.00 Concession)
PAY 6 MONTHLY £60.00 per 6 months (£50.00)

HOLIDAY FUN WEEKS

We run holiday fun weeks during every school holiday period, including Christmas. Fun weeks are for boys and girls aged 8 - 12 years of age and include a wide range of sporting and non-sporting activities.

- OCTOBER HALF TERM-Monday 24th October 2011 - Friday 28th October 2011
- CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY-Monday 19th December 2011 - Monday 2nd January 2012
- FEBRUARY HALF TERM-Monday 13th February 2012 - Friday 17th February 2012
- EASTER HOLIDAY-Monday 2nd April 2012 - Friday 13th April 2012
- WHITSUN HALF TERM-Tuesday 5th June 2012 - Friday 8th June 2012
- SUMMER HOLIDAYS-Monday 30th July 2012 - Friday 31st August 2012

DRIVING TEST THEORY SESSIONS

Thursday 6pm - 7pm Willenhall School Leisure and Community Only £3.00 per week

Learners leave each session with a Voucher for a FREE Driving Lesson with Easywheels Driving School Age 16+

COMING SOON

- Driving Test Theory Sessions - In partnership with Easywheels Driving School
- Children's Evening and Weekend fun sessions
- Trampolining
- Photography Classes
- Flower Arranging
- Jewellery Making
- Holiday Spanish
- DIY for Beginners
- Pool Lifeguard Courses
- Swimming Teachers Certificate
- Exercise to Music Qualification
- Gym Instructor Qualification

FACILITY HIRE AVAILABLE

CONTACT US WILLENHALL SCHOOL LEISURE AND COMMUNITY, FURZEBANK WAY

WILLENHALL WV12 4BD

For further information about any of our Community activities please contact us:

T: 01902 633070

Community Manager : Email aderrer@willenhall.walsall.sch.uk

Asst Community Manager: Email jhawkins@willenhall.walsall.sch.uk

www.willenhall.walsall.sch.uk





POOL HAYES COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Castle Drive, Willenhall
West Midlands WV12 4QZ
Tele: 01902 368613 Fax: 01902 609501
Email: community@poolhayesca.co.uk

WE ARE STILL ENROLLING FOR MANY OF OUR ADULT LEISURE COURSES

All Courses start week commencing 26 September 2011

If you require any information on any of our courses please contact the Community Office

Monday

Just Desserts (Pastry, Tarts & Sponges)	Portrait Painting
7.00pm - 9.00pm £50.00 12wk term	7.00pm - 9.00pm £50.00 12wk term
Aqua Aerobics	Stress Management/Anxiety
8.15pm - 9.15pm £20.00 5wk term	7.00pm - 9.00pm £50.00 12wk term
Mix it up keep Fit	Build on your Computer Skills
7.00pm - 8.00pm £25.00 5wk term	6.30pm - 8.30pm £50.00 12wk term
Manicures & Pedicures	Getting more from your PC
6.00pm - 8.00pm £50.00 12wk term	6.00pm - 8.00pm £50.00 12wk term
Computers for the Terrified	Intermediate French
7.00pm - 9.00pm £50.00 12wk term	7.00pm - 9.00pm £50.00 12wk term
Flower Arranging	Computers for the Total Beginner
6.30pm - 8.30pm £50.00 12wk term	7.00pm - 9.00pm £50.00 12wk term
Beginners Sugar Craft/Cake Decoration	Aromatherapy & Complimentary Therapies
7.00pm - 9.00pm £50.00 12wk term	7.00pm - 9.00pm £50.00 12 wk term
Family Finance	Aqua Aerobics
7.00pm - 9.00pm £50.00 12wk term	7.30pm - 8.30pm £20.00 5wk term
Photoshop	Disco Dance your Weight Off
7.00pm - 9.00pm £50.00 12wk term	6.00pm - 7.00pm £25.00 5wk term
Aromatherapy	Basic Hairdressing
7.00pm - 9.00pm £50.00 12wk term	6.30pm - 8.30pm £50.00 12wk term
Watercolours/Painting	Cooking/Healthy Eating
7.00pm - 9.00pm £50.00 12wk term	6.00pm - 8.00pm £50.00 12wk term
Tuesday	Wednesday
Beginners Knitting	Creative Writing
7.00pm - 9.00pm £50.00 12wk term	6.30pm - 8.30pm £50.00 12 wk term
Basic Drawing	Child's Street Dance (3-10yrs)
7.00pm - 9.00pm £50.00 12wk term	7.00pm - 8.00pm £25.00 5wk term
Intermediate Sugar Craft/Cake Decoration	Adult's Street Dance
7.00pm - 9.00pm £50.00 12wk term	8.00pm - 9.00pm £25.00 5wk term
Indian Head Massage	Thursday
6.30pm - 8.30pm £50.00 12wk term	Baby Massage

Portrait Painting

7.00pm - 9.00pm £50.00 12wk term
Stress Management/Anxiety
7.00pm - 9.00pm £50.00 12wk term
Build on your Computer Skills
6.30pm - 8.30pm £50.00 12wk term
Getting more from your PC
6.00pm - 8.00pm £50.00 12wk term
Intermediate French
7.00pm - 9.00pm £50.00 12wk term
Computers for the Total Beginner
7.00pm - 9.00pm £50.00 12wk term
Aromatherapy & Complimentary Therapies
7.00pm - 9.00pm £50.00 12 wk term
Aqua Aerobics
7.30pm - 8.30pm £20.00 5wk term
Disco Dance your Weight Off
6.00pm - 7.00pm £25.00 5wk term
Basic Hairdressing
6.30pm - 8.30pm £50.00 12wk term
Cooking/Healthy Eating
6.00pm - 8.00pm £50.00 12wk term
Creative Writing
6.30pm - 8.30pm £50.00 12 wk term
Child's Street Dance (3-10yrs)
7.00pm - 8.00pm £25.00 5wk term
Adult's Street Dance
8.00pm - 9.00pm £25.00 5wk term

Wednesday

Painting/Drawing & Watercolours
7.00pm - 9.00pm £50.00 12wk term
Adult Learn to Swim (Women Only)
7.00pm - 8.00pm £50.00 12wk term

Adult Learn to Swim (Mixed)

8.00pm - 9.00pm £50.00 12wk term
Ebay/Internet & Internet Security
6.00pm - 8.00pm £50.00 12wk term
Complimentary Therapies Body & Mind
7.00pm - 9.00pm £50.00 12wk term
Aromatherapy
7.00pm - 9.00pm £50.00 12wk term
Natural Ways to Control Belly Fat
7.00pm - 9.00pm £50.00 12wk term
Basic Cooking
7.00pm - 9.00pm £50.00 12wk term
Introduction to Teaching Assistant Work
7.00pm - 9.00pm £50.00 12wk term
An Insight into Journalism
6.30pm - 8.30pm £50.00 12wk term
Embroidery
7.00pm - 9.00pm £50.00 12wk term
Card Making
7.00pm - 9.00pm £50.00 12wk term
Photoshop
7.00pm - 9.00pm £50.00 12wk term

Belly Dancing

7.00pm - 9.00pm £50.00 12wk term
Intermediate Digital Photography
7.00pm - 9.00pm £50.00 12wk term
Introduction into Psychology
7.00pm - 9.00pm £50.00 12wk term
Photoshop Embroidery
7.00pm - 9.00pm £50.00 12wk term
Script Writing
6.30pm - 8.30pm £50.00 12wk term
Cooking Curries
7.00pm - 9.00pm £50.00 12wk term
Managing Stress
7.00pm - 9.00pm £50.00 12wk term
Trace your Family History
6.30pm - 8.30pm £50.00 12wk term
Card Making
7.00pm - 9.00pm £50.00 12wk term
Friday
Creative Writing
6.30pm - 8.30pm £50.00 12wk term
Draw & Paint Landscapes
7.00pm - 9.00pm £50.00 12wk term
Silk Painting
7.00pm - 9.00pm £50.00 12wk term
Just Desserts
6.00pm - 8.00pm £50.00 12wk term
Photoshop
6.30pm - 8.30pm £50.00 12wk term
Acoustic Guitar Lessons
7.00pm - 9.00pm £50.00 12wk term

*All courses incur a one off £5.00 enrolment



Frank F Harrison Community Association

CURRENTLY ENROLLING

At Beechdale Lifelong Learning Centre
Stephenson Square, Beechdale,
Walsall WS2 7DY
01922 746967

Staff will be available to answer all enquiries regarding individual courses

Courses for Adults

Plastering (Full year courses)

*CAA Level 1 Diploma in Plastering
Wednesday 9.00am - 4.30pm

Brickwork (2 weeks)

*City & Guilds Level 1 Certificate in Brickwork
Saturday 9.00am - 4.30pm

Plumbing (2 weeks)

*City & Guilds Level 1 Certificate in Plumbing/Plastering
Wednesday 9.00am to 4.30pm

Also available 7 week courses throughout the year

*6218-01 City & Guilds Introductory Award in basic Construction Skills
Plumbing modules

Monday & Tuesday 9.00am - 3.30pm

7 week non-qualification courses throughout the year

Wall & Floor tiling
Monday 6.30pm - 9.30pm Cost £60

DIY for Ladies
Tuesday 6.30pm- 9.30pm Cost £60

Plumbing for beginners
Wednesday 6.30pm- 9.30pm Cost £60

Brickwork for beginners
Wednesday 6.30pm- 9.30pm Cost £60

Plastering for beginners
Wednesday 6.30pm- 9.30pm Cost £60

Courses Coming soon.

Computerised Accounts (Using Sage)

18 weeks (36 hours)

Menus on a budget

12 weeks (24 hours)

Enhance your child's development

6 weeks (12 hours)

Creative Play

6 weeks (12 hours)

Family Finances

12 weeks (24 hours)

Improve your reading and writing skills

12 weeks (24 hours)

DIY for All

7 weeks (21 hours)

Special Offer
7 week non qualification courses £20 OFF for those in receipt of means tested benefit

Frank. F. Harrison Community Association



PARK HALL COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

OUR PROSPECTUS FOR 2011/12

We are enrolling for all our classes from Tuesday 6 September 2011 onwards with classes starting week commencing 12 September 2011 (unless otherwise stated in our prospectus or on our website)

Come along and take part in one of our fabulous recreational classes.

These include:

Conversational French, Beginners Spanish, Painting, Drawing & Creative Art, Pilates, Computers for All, Sugar Craft, Yoga, Zumba, Singing for Pleasure, Flower Arranging & Floristry, Beginners French, Keep Fit to Music (Toning without Moaning), Con-

fident Computing, Oil & Pastel Painting, Intermediate Spanish, Ballroom for Improvers, Tai Chi, Belly Dancing and Life Drawing Mixed Media

And new for this year:

Zumba & Tone, Family History, Yoga Flow, Introduction to Neuro-Linguistic Programming, Intermediate Neuro-Linguistic Programming, Beginners Dancing (Ballroom, Latin & Salsa), Xtend (exercise & movement to music for older people who enjoy keeping fit and fabulous), Belly Dancing (for all levels), Boxercise (non-contact for men & women), Italian for Beginners, Hair & Beauty (Mehndi, threading, hairstyling, nail art & make up), Sewing (dressmaking &

soft furnishings), Life Coaching
Children's classes:

Drama (Age 7+), Cricket (Age 6+), Beginners & Intermediate Punjabi, Street Dance, Guitar (Ages 8-12), Ballet (Ages 4-7), Football Coaching (Age 4 upwards) with FA Qualified Coaches, Spanish for Beginners (Age 5 upwards), Table Tennis Club (Ages 8-12), Maths Tuition, French and Karate

Aid, FA Level 1 Football Coaching Qualification (Age 16+)

All classes can be found on our website (www.parkhalca.co.uk) which also tells you what day each class is running and what you will need to get you started.

If you require any more information regarding any of our classes, please do not hesitate to contact us on 01922 720866 or email: reception@parkhalca.co.uk. We would love to hear from you.

Forthcoming Workshops / Courses

(Dates to be arranged) - please call to register your interest:

Chicken Keeping, Garden Design, Food Hygiene, Tai Chi for Arthritis, Card Making, Bee Keeping, Paediatric & Emergency First

Park Hall Community Association,

Park Hall Junior School,
Park Hall Road,
Walsall, WS5 3HF

BROWNHILLS COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

have re-located to:

Brownhills Activity Centre, Chester Road North, Brownhills WS78 7JW
Telephone Number 01543 452119

Adult Education		
Support Teaching and Learning Level 2 and 3	Tuesday 7-9pm	Jack and Jill Day Nursery - Brownhills Little Green Dragons Nursery - Clayhanger Nursery provision for children aged 0-5 years
Advice and Guidance level 3 and 4	Details on request	
ICB Basic Bookkeeping Level 1 ICB Manual Bookkeeping Level 2 ICB Manual Bookkeeping Level 3 ICB Computerised Bookkeeping Level 2 ICB Diploma in Computerised Bookkeeping Level 3 ICB Diploma in Payroll Management Level 3 OCR Bookkeeping Level 1 OCR Accounting Level 2 OCR Certificate in Accounting Level 3 EDCL Level 1 and 2 OCR Entry Level using ITC Level 3 OCR ITQ IT in User Skills Level 1 and 2 OCR Word Processing Level 1-2-3	Monday 9-11am and 11am-12noon	Brownhills Canoe and Outdoor Centre The centre offers a wide range of canoeing and kayaking activities for all to enjoy and experience. Indoor Bowling Monday and Wednesday afternoon 2-4 pm 50p session everyone welcome Brownhills Community Association offer a range of activities and room hire - Children's parties, bouncy castle hire, meetings, children's dance sessions, Spotlight Youth Productions every Sunday afternoon, glass hire, catering for parties. Walsall Wood and Brownhills Youth Clubs Monday - Thursday 6.45 - 9.25 pm
Art for All Machine Knitting Sugarcraft	Tuesday 7-9 pm Wednesday 10-12 Thursday 7-9 pm	Senior Citizens Breakfast Club Tuesday and Thursday morning 9am - 12noon

Brownhills Community Association are now re-located at their new premises at the Activity Centre located on the island at the top of Brownhills High Street. The office is open 9am - 5pm every day for enquiries.

We're Still Here!

Hire our Facilities

Swimming Pool
Sports Hall (full or half)
Squash Courts
Badminton
Large Hall
Dance Studio
Classrooms

We have the following facilities for hire both DAYTIME and evening
Swimming Pool
Astro Turf
Sports Hall
Squash Courts
Meeting Rooms

Leisure Classes

Dog Training
Yoga
Aerobics
Zumba
Dance Classes
Karate
Tae Kwon Do
Sneyd Sliders
Railway Club



Swimming

Childrens Swim Lessons
Adult Only Sessions
Ladies only Swim Sessions
Parent and Toddler Swim



Like to try your hand at
Indoor Bowls?
Volley Ball?
Table Tennis?
Kurling?

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Potter twins join big birthday party

HARRY Potter stars James and Oliver Phelps – alias the Weasley twins – led the celebrations at the 10th birthday party for Millennium Point in Birmingham on Saturday.

The Sutton Coldfield siblings, who are about to jet off on a globe-trotting round of public appearances to mark the DVD and Blu-ray release of the final Harry Potter movie, are big fans of the futuristic centre on the city's Eastside development area.

Sir Bernard Zissman, Chairman of Millennium Point



Oliver (left) and James Phelps with circus performers at Millennium Point's 10th birthday party

Trust Board, said: "This building belongs to the people of Birmingham and the wider Midlands. Millennium Point has become the linch pin in the redevelopment of the East side of Birmingham."

Millennium Point was England's biggest Millennium Project outside London – costing £114 million including £50 from the Millennium Commission. It includes the Think Tank science museum, training space for higher education including Birmingham City University and – coming soon – a 3D cinema to replace its Imax screen.

Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows Part 2 was the final movie shown at Millennium Point's Imax cinema earlier this month. The huge screen is now being converted into one of the Midlands' largest digital 3D cinemas. The new format will mean the cinema will be able to show a wider range of movies than the restricted Imax brand and it is hoped it will also show five coverage of the 2012 Olympics in London. It is set to be open in time to show the new Tintin 3D movie in late October.

Wizard

James and Oliver Phelps were pupils at Arthur Terry School when at the age of 14 they were cast as Fred and George Weasley, older brothers of Harry Potter's best friend Ron Weasley, in the first movie instalment of JK Rowling's best-selling saga about the boy wizard.

The 25-year-old brothers have grown up on screen and become familiar faces worldwide because of the phenomenal success of the Harry Potter films and now, with the final movie about to be released for home ownership, they have got around to acting lessons at the Actors Studio in London. Oliver, who played George, said their careers were the opposite to most in show business in that they had become movie stars and now they were going to acting school. Being part of the biggest film franchise in history doesn't stop them being nervous. "The thought of acting on stage terrifies me," admitted James, who played Fred.

Oliver, the older brother by 13 minutes, said the pre-Christmas home entertainment release of the final Harry Potter movie, meant they had a busy schedule in November attending events in Los Angeles, at the Wizarding World of Harry Potter in Florida, and in the Far East.

The brothers, whose grandmother lives in Wednesbury, were particularly delighted to be special guests at the Potter theme park in Orlando. James said "We get to go on the rides as many times as we like for free, that's like a dream come true." Oliver added: "But it is a bit weird seeing yourselves as characters in a theme park."

Keen golfers, the brothers still have homes in the West Midlands and Oliver said their friends, most dating back to school days, kept their feet on the ground. "I quite like the idea of an entourage," joked Oliver. "But there is no way my friends would put up with that."

VIPs at the Millennium Point party were greeted by circus performers, were treated to an explosive science show, could join in birthday games, enjoy a slice of birthday cake and sign a giant birthday card.

Lee Evans
Birmingham NIA

YOU get the impression Lee Evans could go through a two and a half hour set, saying absolutely nothing and he'd still get more laughs than most comedians.

A sell out 13,000-strong crowd at Birmingham's NIA certainly didn't need much encouragement as they lapped up the laughs during Evans's latest arena show, Roadrunner.

Evans, who has been touring for more than 20 years, may not be the wittiest stand-up on the circuit, nor does he have the best one-liners or a killer comedy persona but for imaginative, honest, energetic, brilliantly physical comedy there is none better.

Roadrunner was written in the second city during a six-month stay on Broad Street and then rehearsed and polished in Birmingham's tiny Glee Club.

If nothing else Evans used his time to perfect his Brummie accent which was regularly used when regaling the idiocy of people.

Airports, holidays, foot-ballers, Ikea and the recent riots all got the inimitable Evans treatment in what was a jam-packed, unrelenting set which rarely failed to reach his incredibly high standards.

The best material though, as ever with Evans, was reserved for the subject of his long-suffering wife, with their rows about her putting makeup on and him having to fix a car on the side of the road getting the biggest laughs of the night.

Two songs, including old favourite Bohemian Rhapsody, polish off the evening before a standing ovation had Evans gushing with thanks.

All delivered, of course, with that unforgettable chimp-like face of elasticity; if all else fails he's got that to make us laugh for a long time yet.

TIM SPIERS

Echo and the Bunnymen,
Symphony Hall, Birmingham

INFLUENTIAL Liverpudlian rockers Echo and the Bunnymen are more used to sweaty rock venues than the rarefied surroundings of the Midlands' premier classical musical venue the Symphony Hall.

Even singer Ian McCulloch, not normally known for his humility, said it was a "privilege" to play in such a prestigious "gaff", adding in his Seuse brogue that he was "made up".

The Bunnymen had made an effort to fit in. A six-piece section began the evening with a programme that ranged from Bach to The Beatles (a pleasant arrangement of Something) and, most popular with the audience, a treatment of Joy Division's Love Will Tear Us Apart.

Interesting to hear The Beatles at a Bunnymen gig, McCulloch in his pomp would probably have described them as the second best band out of Liverpool.

The Bunnymen took the stage in a

Legally Blonde The Musical,
Regent Theatre, Stoke-on-Trent

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This feel good musical is about a blonde California cheerleader, Elle Woods, who is dumped by her boyfriend for not being serious enough and then hits the books to qualify to join him in starry straight-laced Harvard law school.

The show has two key elements that has made it popular with a (mostly) female audience: a sense of humour and story about a woman being true to herself despite adversity caused by men.

Those are the same elements that made Wicked and Mama Mia such successes.

This version of the London blockbuster is lighter on scenery but has heavy-weight talent to call upon.

Faye Brookes, a 24-year-old in only her second major leading role, confi-

dently steps into the high heels formerly worn by Reese Witherspoon in the movie and Sheridan Smith in the West End.

She has a powerful voice and deserved the cheers at the end of the night for her all-singing all-dancing performance of more than two hours.

Her chorus of college girls were screechy to begin with but settled down. Fine support came from Iwan Lewis as the noble young lawyer Emmett Forrest and especially from David Willetts as the formidable but flawed Professor Callahan.

Another experienced West End star, Claire Sweeney, was very likeable in the role of Paulette, a hairdresser from a trailer park with a strange obsession about Ireland.

The songs are not familiar outside the show because they tend to be specific to the plot and display tongue-in-cheek humour unlikely to work out of context. However, Whipped Into Shape with its ranks of skippers, the bizarre Ireland and title song Legally Blonde are delivered in spectacular fashion.

The best testament to this show, directed and choreographed by Jerry Mitchell, are the smiles on the faces of the audience as they leave.

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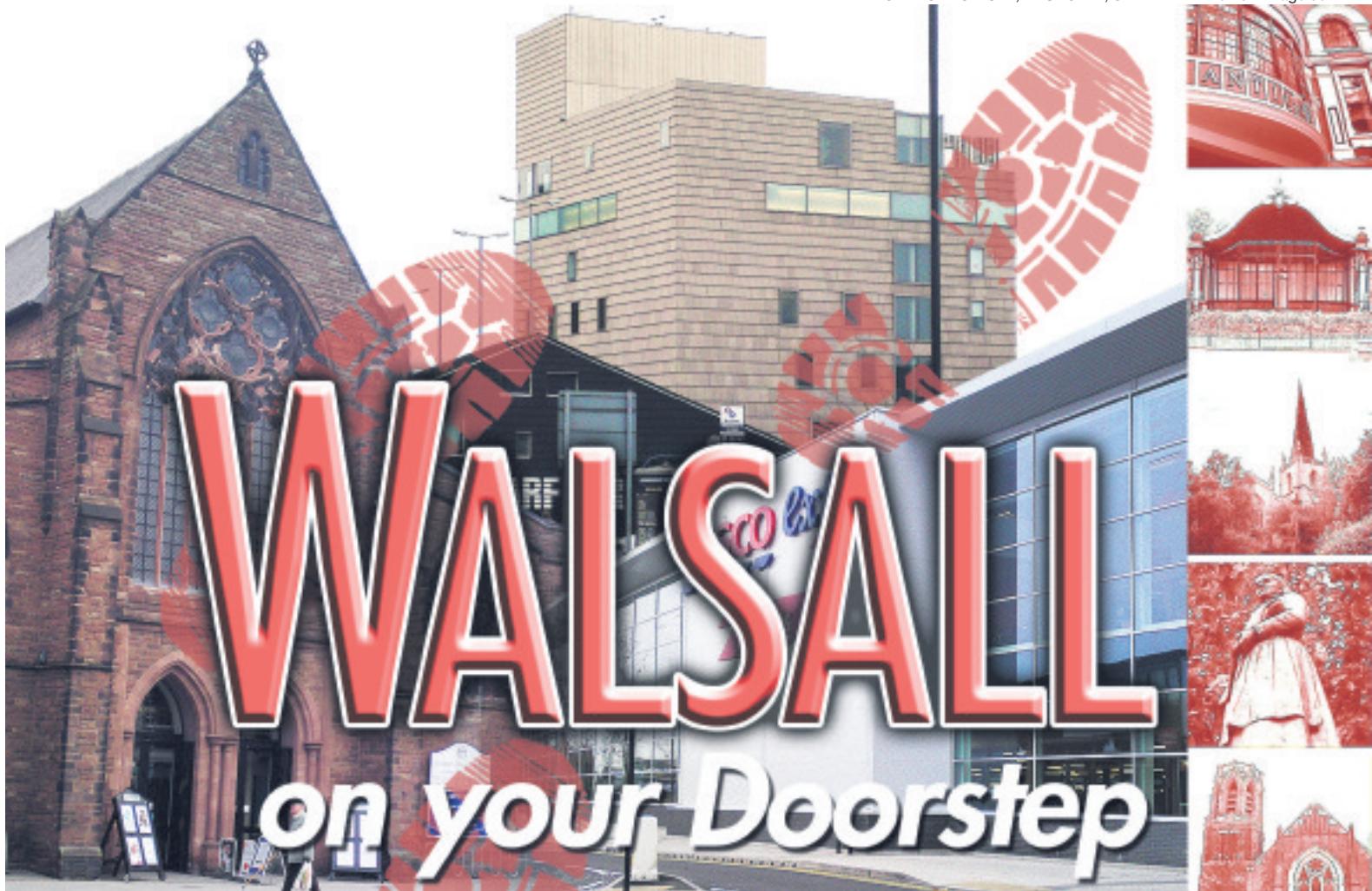
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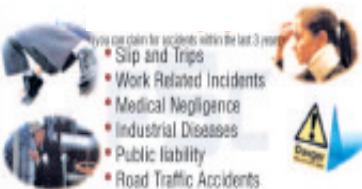
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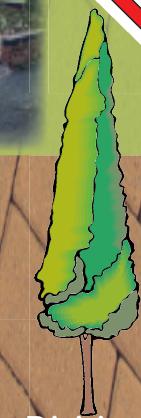
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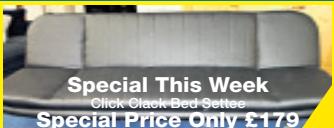


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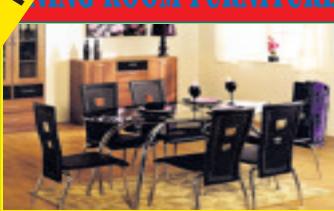
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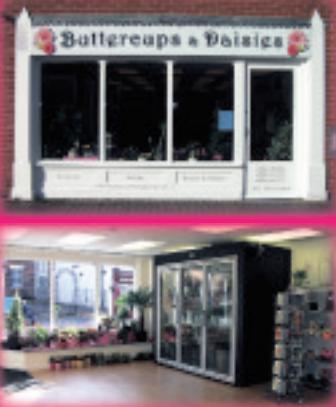
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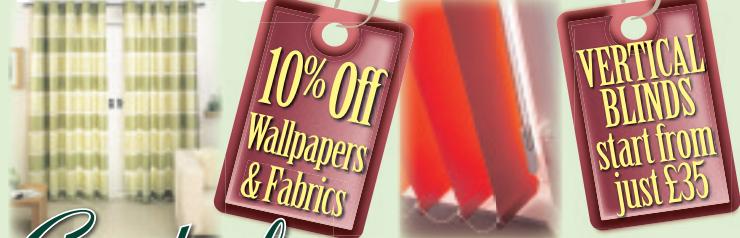
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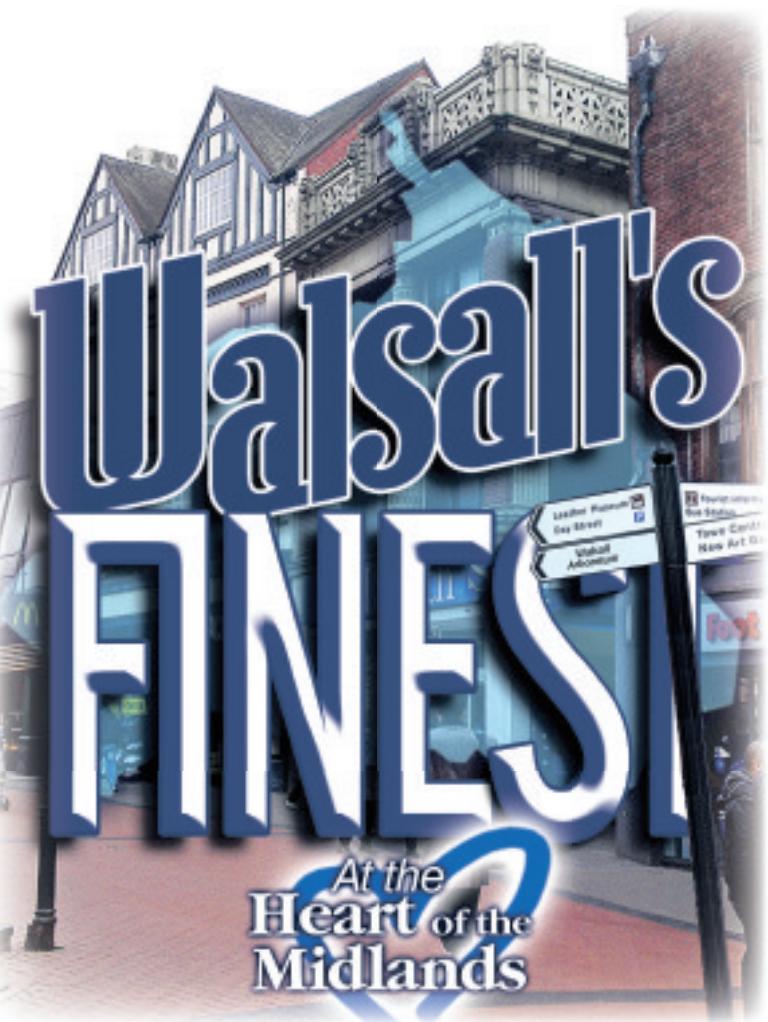
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Corner

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Well-presented semi-detached is available for around £128k

OFFERS in excess of £128,000 are being invited for a very well-presented semi-detached property in Parkview Crescent, Reedwood, Walsall.

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The lounge measures 14ft 8in by 13ft 8in and has a feature fireplace with open grate, stairs to the first floor accommodation and arch to the kitchen/diner.

This room features wall cupboards, a range of base units with worktops over, stainless steel sink and drainer, gas hob with extractor over, inte-

grated gas double tower oven, integrated fridge/freezer, integrated washing machine, understairs storage and double glazed patio door to the rear garden.

On the first floor bedroom one measures 13ft 10in by 8ft 6in and has built-in wardrobes, and there are two other bedrooms as well as a bathroom with WC, pedestal wash hand basin, panel bath with shower over and tiled splashbacks.

Garage

The rear garden has a paved patio area, tiered lawns with flower borders and fence boundaries, while the front garden is laid to lawn with a block paved driveway leading to the front door and garage at the rear.

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The lounge has two wall lights and a feature fireplace with an open grate

No savings? no deposit? no problem

IN TODAY'S housing market, saving enough money for a deposit on a home is one of the most difficult challenges facing first-time buyers and second-time home movers.

To help these buyers, Connells estate agency in Oldbury has announced a new mortgage product allowing purchasers to borrow 100 per cent of the value of their chosen property.

This exciting launch of a new 100 per cent Family Guarantee mortgage allows first and second-time buyers to buy a home, subject to a guarantee from an immediate family member in the form of a secured collateral charge on their property.

Amount

The guarantee covers up to 25 per cent of the mortgage amount, enabling the buyer to purchase a home without the need for a large deposit.

"This is one of the first 100 per cent mortgage products since the credit crunch and it couldn't come a better time," says Natalie Goode, Mortgage Services Consultant for Connells in Oldbury.

"Saving for a deposit and getting a mortgage have been the most significant stumbling blocks for first-time buyers over the last few years so our new 100 per cent Family Guarantee product will help countless buyers get on the property ladder."

As well as helping first-time buyers, Connells new 100 per cent mortgage could enable second-time home movers who may need to upsize but lack the necessary capital to put a deposit on their next home.

"Dwindling house prices have caused some homeowners to become stuck without the means to make their next move," Natalie continues.

Lend

"This new 100 per cent mortgage will allow parents, stepparents and grandparents to help their children move home without the need to lend or gift them a large amount of money for a deposit."

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New fleet gets the word on the street



Lee Morton, managing partner of Paul Dubberley estate agent

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Aims

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"I'm delighted that we have managed to achieve both our aims."

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Steve Reade, Lee Smith and Steven Sutton in the eco cars

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Agent raises £100,000

STRUTT & Parker has raised a staggering total of £105,514.98 for Wooden Spoon, which is a British and Irish Rugby Charity that helps support mentally and physically disadvantaged children.

On September 14, the Strutt & Parker partners presented a cheque to the charity together with renowned English rugby player Jason Leonard. The sum has been raised by all the offices across England and Scotland.

Andy Martin, senior partner at Strutt & Parker said: "This sum is something we are hugely proud of. We always strive to give back something significant and show our more personal side and we hope that this reflects our commitment to this inspiring charity and the wider community."

At the official launch of the support for the charity a year ago a tough challenge was set, the aim being to get the famous Wooden Spoon ball around each of the Strutt & Parker offices raising money on the way.

While the ball was at a particular office it was their responsibility to raise money in that period.

Starting in London the ball travelled around the country up to Scotland and then back down. Ideas have been hugely diverse from small one-man band cake sales to teams of entire offices competing in hill cycling challenges. It was all about creative inventiveness and unusual ways to raise the money and to keep the enthusiasm for the challenge.

Auction

Highlights have included a 24-hour event in Fulham that consisted of a throwing the Wooden Spoon ball between members of the London teams with no breaks that raised over £20,000. Other successful events have included a highland game. The dinner/dance was held in January in a stunning 15th century barn where guests were welcomed to the sound of the piper from the City of Rochester Pipe Band. There was a Scottish themed dinner followed by a charity auction when £6,000 was raised in just one night.

Most recently and perhaps most impressively a selection of 12 individuals set themselves a huge target – the Four Peaks Challenge. On Thursday, June 23, the three teams set out to climb 4,200 metres to the summit and back of four of the highest peaks in Scotland, England, Wales and Ireland in less than 48 hours. The fourth team member, the dependable driver rested while the others climbed, only to drive over 1,000 miles between the peaks letting the climbers recharge their batteries.

The stamina, strength and drive shone through as well as commitment to teamwork. It was a huge success raising well over £20,000.

Martin, concludes: "It is this type of challenge that has summed up why Strutt and Parker have adopted engaging with the Wooden Spoon as their chosen charity. We have thrived on coming up with new and creative ways of working together, team building and making fun out of something with an underlying real importance."

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LOT 2

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10 SCHOOL ROAD,
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Three bedroom semi detached house in need of comprehensive renovation/refurbishment comprising side entrance hall, lounge, dining room, kitchen, toilet, utility room, landing, three bedrooms, bathroom, part electric heating, predominantly double glazed, detached garage, gardens.



LOT 3

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£75,000 - £80,000

46 SHAWS LANE,
GREAT WYRELEY
FREEHOLD WITH
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Two bedroom detached bungalow in need of renovation comprising recessed porch, lounge, dining room, kitchen, two bedrooms, bathroom, separate toilet, part double glazed, solid fuel central heating, built-on garage, gas store, gardens extend to approx. 0.13 acre including approx. 13ft side access.



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LOT 5

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440 BLOXWICH ROAD,
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VACANT POSSESSION

Substantial semi detached house requiring some repair and maintenance, freehold with planning permission in location comprising entrance hall, lounge, dining room, kitchen, landing, three bedrooms, shower room, some double glazing, gas central heating, enclosed front garden, shared driveway, garage with w/c, rear garden.



LOT 6

Guide Price:
£60,000 - £65,000

33 ARMITAGE HOUSE,
HOBS ROAD, LICHFIELD
LEASEHOLD WITH
VACANT POSSESSION

Two bedroom apartment located on 1st floor, possible buy to let comprising communal hall, stairs, landing, lift and security phone system, reception hall, lounge, kitchen, two bedrooms, bathroom, balcony off lounge, electric heating, communal grounds.



LOT 7

Guide Price:
£80,000 - £90,000

5 FOG COTTAGES,
COLTON ROAD, RUGELEY
FREEHOLD WITH
VACANT POSSESSION

Mid terraced house comprising entrance lobby, lounge, sitting room, kitchen, utility/rear verandah, landing, two bedrooms, bathroom, gas fired central heating, double glazing, small yard to rear, store, pedestrian right of way to rear.



LOT 8

Guide Price:
£30,000+

104 FERNWOOD
DRIVE, RUGELEY
LEASEHOLD WITH
VACANT POSSESSION

Spacious self contained first floor flat in popular buy to let area, long leasehold comprising ground floor entrance hall, landing, lounge, kitchen, two bedrooms, bathroom, some double glazing



LOT 9

Guide Price:
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72 HAWTHORNE TERRACE,
WOLVERHAMPTON ROAD,
ESSINGTON
FREEHOLD WITH
VACANT POSSESSION

Three bedroom mid terrace house in need of refurbishment/maintenance comprising entrance porch, reception hall, sitting room, dining room, kitchen, verandah, landing, three bedrooms, bathroom, part double glazed, gas central heating, built-in garage, outside store, gardens.



LOT 10

Guide Price:
£70,000 - £80,000

12 CANNOCK ROAD,
WENDESFIELD
FREEHOLD WITH
VACANT POSSESSION

Mid terrace house in need of comprehensive refurbishment comprising reception hall, sitting room, kitchen, verandah, landing, two bedrooms, bathroom, part double glazed, gas central heating, built-in garage, outside store, gardens.



Sanders, Wright & Freeman is handling the sale of this semi-detached in Southbourne Road, Fordhouses

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This outstanding three bedroom semi-detached home has undergone extension and improvement by the current owner to provide excellent family living accommodation.

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The property is approached via a block paved driveway providing of road parking for a number of vehicles.

Inside, a reception hall sees a staircase to the first floor landing, and doors leading off to the through living/dining room measuring 24ft 9in by 10ft 10in, a living area with tilt and slide patio doors to the rear and a dining area.

The dining kitchen – 13ft 10in by 12ft 6in – has a tiled floor, part-tiled walls, fitted breakfast bar and a range of wall, drawer and base units with roll edge work surfaces above incorporating a stainless steel sink and drainer unit with mixer tap. There is a built-in oven and grill with extractor hood above, plumbing for a washing machine and dishwasher and space for a tumble dryer and fridge freezer.

The ground floor shower room has tiled walls and floor with contemporary white suite comprising close-coupled wc, pedestal wash basin and shower cubicle.

On the first floor the family bathroom has tiled walls and floor and contemporary white suite comprising WC, wash hand basin and panelled bath with mixer tap.

Outside, to the rear is an extremely well maintained and generous enclosed garden with patio and decked areas, timber shed and a shaped lawn with a variety of flower and shrub borders.

The property is available for offers based on £142,500 via estate agent Sanders, Wright & Freeman on 01902 575 555.

AUCTION VIEWING TIMES

Address	Saturday 1st, 8th October	Wednesday 28th Sept, 5th October
104 Fernwood Drive, Rugeley	10.00am	10.00am
5 Fog Cottages, Colton Road, Rugeley	10.30am	10.30am
33 Armitage House, Hob's Road, Lichfield	11.15am	11.15am
155 Ogley Road, Brownhills	12.15pm	12.15pm
440 Bloxwich Road, Leamore	1.15pm	1.15pm
12 Cannock Road, Wednesfield	10.00am	10.00am
72 Hawthorne Terrace, Wolverhampton Road, Essington	10.45am	10.45am
46 Shaw Lane, Great Wyrley	11.30am	11.30am
10 School Road, Norton Canes	12.15pm	12.15pm
243 Stafford Road, Cannock	1.00pm	1.00pm
178 Wolverhampton Road, Cannock	1.30pm	1.30pm
Land at corner High Meadow Close, High Mount Street, Hedgesford		
Land to rear of 115 Kingsdown Road, Chase Terrace		

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LOT 11 LAND TO REAR OF 115 KINGSDOWN ROAD, CHASE TERRACE FREEHOLD

Individual parcel of land located to the rear of 115 Kingsdown Road area extending to 270yds/225m² or thereabouts, access at rear.



LOT 12

178 WOLVERHAMPTON ROAD, BROWNHILLS FREEHOLD WITH VACANT POSSESSION

Detached mid terrace house in need of comprehensive refurbishment during the interview period in need of comprehensive refurbishment comprising reception hall, sitting room, kitchen, verandah, landing, two bedrooms, bathroom, part double glazed, gas central heating, built-in garage, outside store, gardens.



LOT 13

155 OGLEY ROAD, BROWNHILLS FREEHOLD WITH VACANT POSSESSION

Detached mid terrace house in need of comprehensive refurbishment comprising reception hall, sitting room, kitchen, verandah, landing, two bedrooms, bathroom, garden store, toilet, gardens, possible garage space.



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- Master bedroom with En-suite shower room

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- Four Bedroom Town House
- Guest Cloakroom
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- Master Bedroom with En-Suite
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- Garage & Driveway

Asking Price of £159,995



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- Fitted Kitchen
- Lounge/Diner
- En-Suite
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- Separate Garage
- Allocated parking
- Enclosed Rear Garden

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**Walsall
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- Three Bedroom Semi-Detached
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Two Reception Rooms
- Fitted Kitchen
- Rear Garden
- Garage
- Driveway

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**Bloxwich
Stoney Lane**

- Three Bedroom Semi-Detached
- Two Reception Rooms
- Fitted Kitchen
- Double Glazing
- Ground Floor Bathroom
- Gas Central Heating
- Rear Garden

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**Bloxwich
Harrison Street**

- Three Bedroom Semi-Detached
- Two Reception Rooms
- Fitted Kitchen
- Double Glazing
- Ground Floor Bathroom
- Gas Central Heating
- Rear Garden

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**Bloxwich
Hollands Road**

- Three Bedroom Mid-Terrace
- Two Reception Rooms
- Family Bathroom
- Double Glazing
- Gas Central Heating
- Front & Rear Gardens
- Off Road Parking

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**Walsall
Smith Road**

- Two Bedroom Semi-Detached
- Entrance Hall
- Lounge
- Fitted Kitchen
- Downstairs W.C.
- Family Bathroom
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- Majority Double Glazing
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**Bloxwich
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- Kitchen
- Double Glazing
- Electric Seven Heating
- Family Bathroom
- Off Road Parking
- Communal Gardens

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**Bloxwich
Blakenall Lane**

- Three Bedroom Mid-Terrace
- Two Reception Rooms
- Fitted Kitchen
- Ground Floor Bathroom
- Front & Rear Gardens

In the Region of £75,000



**Bloxwich
Guild Court**

- Two Bedroom Apartment
- Lounge
- Fitted Kitchen
- Master Bedroom with En-Suite
- Family Bathroom
- Allocated Parking
- Gas Central Heating

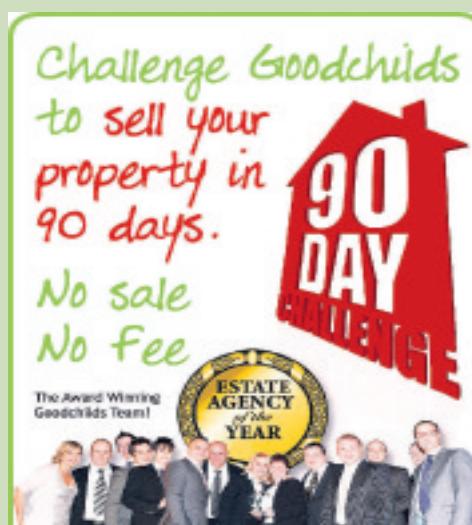
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• Breakfast kitchen inc. oven and hob
• Viewing Recommended
£89,995 OFFERS, NO CHAIN



NEW INVENTION
LICHFIELD ROAD
• Conveniently located three-bedroom semi
• Gas central heating
• Fitted kitchen including oven and hob
• Generous rear garden
£89,995 OFFERS, NO CHAIN



WILLENHALL
FISHER STREET
• Pleasantly appointed terraced property
• Convenient location near to Willenhall Town Centre
• Three bedrooms
• Two reception rooms
WAS £84,950 NOW £79,950 NO CHAIN



WILLENHALL
MAGNESS CRESCENT
• Pleasantly appointed semi-detached
• Gas central heating
• Refitted kitchen including oven and hob
• Three bedrooms
• UPVC double glazed windows
WAS £127,500 NOW £122,500



BLOXWICH
ASTBURY CLOSE, TURNBERRY ESTATE
• Smart modern town house in popular Lumbury development
• Two bedrooms
• Gas central heating
WAS £550 NOW £525 PCM



ESSINGTON
SNEDY LANE
• Superb Extended Semi-Detached
• Three Bedrooms
• Two Reception Rooms
• Allocated Parking
• Rear Garden
• Viewing Recommended
£675 PCM



SHORT HEATH
WOODSIDE WAY, THE WOODLANDS
• Pleasant semi-detached property being double glazed
• Two three bedrooms, currently
• Conservatory
• Double glazed windows
• Block paved driveway
£130,000



WILLENHALL
LINCOLN AVENUE
• Traditional style town house in popular location
• Two bedrooms
• Gas central heating
• Double glazed windows
£89,995 NO CHAIN



WILLENHALL
MAGNESS CRESCENT
• Pleasantly appointed, considerably improved semi-detached
• Three bedrooms
• Gas central heating
• UPVC double glazed windows
£145,000 OFFERS FREEHOLD



WILLENHALL
FURZEBANK WAY, OFF STROUD AVENUE
• Pleasant semi-detached property in corner plot location
• Three bedrooms
• Gas central heating
• UPVC double glazed windows
£124,995 NO CHAIN



Leveson Street, Willenhall,
3 Bed Terrace£425 pcm

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1 Bed Flat£460 pcm

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MORE BUYERS....



Hollowcroft Road, Willenhall

£240,000 NEW

Extended four bedroom detached home situated on the sought after Coppice Farm development. Lounge, dining room, conservatory, utility room, shower room, family bathroom and garage. Viewing essential



Hebden Grove, Willenhall

£240,000 NEW

Five bedroom detached on the Coppice Farm development. Having been extensively improved by the present owners including newly fitted kitchen. Benefiting from side extension adding further reception space and a fifth bedroom.



Ambleside Grove, Willenhall

£130,000

Two bedroom semi-detached bungalow on Coppice Farm development. Benefiting from cul-de-sac location. Only suitable for over 55's .Offered with no chain on 75% shared ownership basis.



Gurnard Close, Willenhall

£130,000 REDUCED

Improved and extended two bedroom semi-detached on Coppice Farm. Lounge, dining room, kitchen, conservatory and bathroom. Central heating and double glazing. Viewing essential

WOLVERHAMPTON



MORE VIEWINGS....



Burleigh Close, Willenhall

£140,000 REDUCED

A three bedroom semi-detached home situated on a popular cul-de-sac on the Summer Hayes development in Short Heath. Would make a good family home. Viewing is recommended.



Watkins Road, Willenhall

£156,500 NEW

Stunningly presented extended three bedroom semi-detached home in sought after location of Short Heath, Willenhall. Having been extensively improved and extended. Viewing essential.



Milcote Drive, Willenhall

Offers Over £170,000 SERIOUS OFFERS CONSIDERED

A four bedroom detached home situated on a cul-de-sac comprising lounge, extended family room/kitchen, bathroom, garage and gardens.

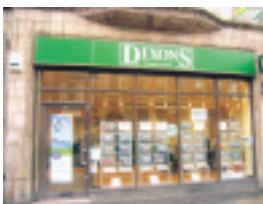


Nightingale Crescent, Willenhall

£200,000 NEW

Four bedroom two bathroom detached home situated on the popular Coppice Farm development. Having been extensively improved by the current owners, No chain. Viewing essential

WALSALL



MORE SALES....



Knightsbridge Lane, Willenhall

£200,000 NEW

Three bedroom detached situated on exceptional corner plot backing onto Canal. Offering a spacious workshop to the side, separate dining room and sun room. Viewing recommended.



Pinson Road, Willenhall

£80,000

Three bedroom terraced in good order with recently refitted kitchen. Offering off road parking and benefitting from location with easy access to Willenhall Town Centre . Viewing recommended



Neachells Court, Willenhall Road

£65,000

A two bedroom first floor maisonette . Situated in a cul-de-sac location with communal gardens and parking. Offered for sale with no chain.



Victoria Street, Willenhall

£67,500 NEW

Three bedroom terraced home with refitted kitchen and bathroom. Presented in reasonable order internally and offering two reception rooms downstairs. Offered to the market with no upward chain.

DUDLEY



MORE CHANCE....



Willenhall Street, Wednesbury

£72,500 NEW

Three bedroom terraced presented in good order and offering exceptional open plan lounge/diner. This home is offered with no chain and situated in popular area of Wednesbury



Memorial Close, Willenhall

£160,000

Three bedroom detached in a cul-de-sac presented in immaculate order and also benefiting from a garage. Viewing is highly recommended. Call us today to arrange an appointment.



Uplands Avenue, Willenhall

£160,000 NEW

Two bedroom, two bathroom detached bungalow situated in cul-de-sac . Complete refurbishment programme to high standard including fully landscaped gardens and stunning master bedroom suite with dressing area and en-suite.



58 Victoria Street, Willenhall WV13 1DR

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Victoria Street
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8x brand new 3 bedroom luxury modern terrace family homes, having the benefit of UPVC double glazing, gas central heating, fitted intruder alarm and no upward chain. These excellent properties briefly comprise, reception hallway, bungalow, fitted breakfast kitchen, 3 bedrooms (including master en-suite), bathroom, rear garden and allocated parking spaces to rear.

OFFERS AROUND: £99,950
Viewing: 01902 633323

Hopyard Road
Walsall



A 3 bedroom semi detached having the benefit of UPVC double glazing, gas central heating and no upward chain. The property briefly comprises, porch, reception hall, lounge, kitchen/diner, conservatory, 3 bedrooms, bathroom, rear garden and driveway to front.

OFFERS AROUND: £110,000
Viewing: 01902 633323

Lilac Grove
Walsall



A spacious 3 bedroom end town-house benefiting from upvc double glazing and part central heating and offering no upward chain. Further comprising entrance hall, guest wc, lounge, fitted kitchen/diner, conservatory, bathroom, rear garden and residents parking area.

OFFERS AROUND: £69,950
Viewing: 01902 633323

Marden Close
Willenhall



Extended and well presented 4 bedroom detached house in quiet cul-de-sac sought after Hadley Heath estate. The accommodation benefits from gas central heating and upvc double glazing and further comprises entrance porch, hall, lounge, fitted kitchen, dining room, integral garage, front drive and rear garden.

OFFERS AROUND: £164,995
Viewing: 01902 633323

Kingfisher Grove
Willenhall



4 BEDROOM DETACHED HOUSE ON POPULAR COPPIE FARM ESTATE, NO UPWARD CHAIN, GAS CENTRAL HEATING, DOUBLE GLAZING, 2 RECEPTION ROOMS, 2 KITCHENS, 2 BATHROOMS, 2 REAR GARDENS, GARAGE, FRONT DRIVE, REAR GARDEN.

OFFERS AROUND: £199,950
Viewing: 01902 633323

Victoria Street
Willenhall



Deceptively spacious 3 bedroom terrace house benefiting from gas central heating & containing a wealth of period features. Briefly comprising hallway, lounge, dining room, integrated kitchen, integral garage, front drive, rear garden.

OFFERS AROUND: £92,000
Viewing: 01902 633323

Temple Road
Willenhall



IDEAL INVESTMENT OR 1ST PURCHASE 2 bedroom first floor flat benefiting from upvc double glazing & gas central heating (where specified) and offering no upward chain. Further comprising entrance hall, stairs, landing, lounge, kitchen & bathroom.

OFFERS AROUND: £52,500
Viewing: 01902 633323

Uplands Avenue
Willenhall



3 BEDROOM DETACHED BUNGALOW, benefiting from central heating, partial double glazing & no upward chain. Further comprising entrance porch, hall, lounge, kitchen, bathroom, veranda, garage, garden.

OFFERS AROUND: £125,000
Viewing: 01902 633323

Perch Road
Walsall



•DSL BROADBAND • MUST BE 15/12/11 • A modern two bedroom semi-detached house having the benefit of double glazing and gas central heating. This well presented property briefly comprises, reception hall, fitted kitchen, family bathroom with shower, front and rear gardens and off road parking. The vendor of £125,000 towards the eventual purchases legal costs subject to 10%.

OFFERS AROUND: £89,995
Viewing: 01902 633323

Victoria Street
Willenhall



Deceptively spacious 2 bedroom mid terrace house benefitting from gas central heating and double glazing and offering no upward chain. Further comprising lounge, dining room, kitchen, bathroom and rear yard and garden.

OFFERS AROUND: £85,000
Viewing: 01902 633323

Chaucer Avenue
Willenhall



Deceptively spacious modern semi-detached, 3 good bedrooms, central heating, double glazing, reception hall, guest wc, lounge, dining room, fitted kitchen with integral appliances, family bathroom, garage, front and rear gardens and decked patio.

OFFERS AROUND: £124,950
Viewing: 01902 633323

Princethorpe Road
Willenhall



Modern spacious house, 3 bedrooms, master with ensuite & fitted wardrobes, central heating, double glazing, 15ft conservatory, 18ft lounge, fitted kitchen, hall, guest wc, family bathroom, integral garage, front door & rear garden.

OFFERS AROUND: £169,950
Viewing: 01902 633323

Bloxwich Road South
Willenhall



Luxury 2 bedroom spacious brand new apartments having the benefit of UPVC double and triple glazing, gas central heating and fitted inbuilt alarm. These splendid larger than average properties briefly comprise, reception hall, good size lounge, fitted breakfast kitchen with integrated appliances, two bedrooms (ensuite shower room to master), family bathroom and allocated parking spaces.

OFFERS AROUND: £75,000
Viewing: 01902 633323

Magness Crescent
Willenhall



Well presented, extended 5½ bedroom semi detached family home having the benefit of UPVC double glazing and gas central heating. It is sought after property briefly comprising, entrance hall, utility room, ground floor cloakroom, kitchen, utility area, spacious L-shaped lounge, ground floor rear extension bedroom for 3 bedrooms on 1st floor re-fitted family bathroom with shower, garage, off road parking and rear garden. No upward chain.

OFFERS AROUND: £129,995
Viewing: 01902 633323

Chesterwood Close
Walsall



3 Bedroom Semi ★ Central Heating ★ Double Glazing ★ Fitted Dining Kitchen with Integrated Appliances ★ Lounge with Feature Fireplace ★ Fitted Bathroom ★ Garage & Side Drive ★ Front & Rear Gardens

OFFERS AROUND: £125,000
Viewing: 01902 633323

Sneyd Lane
Essington



WELL PRESENTED & DECEPTIVELY SPACIOUS EXTENDED SEMI DETACHED HOUSE IN SOUGHT AFTER LOCATION WITH SOUTH FACING MATURE GARDEN, central heating, double glazing, 2nd L-shaped lounge, 12ft fitted breakfast kitchen, extended dining room, 2nd master bedroom with fitted wardrobes, 2 further bedrooms, fitted bathroom, downstairs cloakroom, porch & rear garden. NO UPWARD CHAIN.

OFFERS AROUND: £234,950
Viewing: 01902 633323

Delamere Road
Willenhall



Well presented 3 bedroom semi-detached house benefiting from gas central heating and upvc double glazing and offering no upward chain. Further comprising entrance hall, lounge, dining room, fitted kitchen, conservatory, fitted bathroom, garage, front and side drive for 5 cars and rear garden.

OFFERS AROUND: £139,950
Viewing: 01902 633323

Bloxwich Road South
West Midlands



Deceptively spacious & immaculately presented ground floor flat, service charge only £50pa, gas central heating, upvc double glazing & no upward chain. Entrance hall, 18ft lounge, 2nd double bedroom, kitchen, dining room, conservatory, fitted bathroom, garage, front and side drive, 2nd double bedroom, re-fitted kitchen & bathroom, private rear garden, double garage, upstair toilet, front and rear gardens, drive and garage.

OFFERS AROUND: £75,000
Viewing: 01902 633323

Evans Street
Willenhall



Well presented 3 bedroom mid terrace in cul-de-sac benefiting from gas central heating & upvc double glazing. Further comprising entrance hall, guest wc, lounge, dining room, re-fitted kitchen, fitted bathroom, front drive & south facing garden.

OFFERS AROUND: £99,950
Viewing: 01902 633323

Pentland Gardens
Wolverhampton



Substantial 3 bedroom detached house, extended & very improved, gas central heating, double glazing, 19ft wih patio, 22ft lounge, dining room, family room, 19ft fitted breakfast kitchen with integrated appliances, utility room, guest wc, guest wc, garage, luxury bathroom with jacuzzi bath & separate shower, rear garden.

OFFERS AROUND: £349,950
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Fenmere Close
Wolverhampton



•GPV VAULTS 01902 412121 • 100 GATES A WATERBURY, SW19 8LW • (100 GATES A WATERBURY, SW19 8LW) • Much improved extended 4 bedroom semi-detached property benefitting from UPVC double glazing & gas central heating. The superb four bedroom is located in a quiet cul-de-sac.

• 100 GATES A WATERBURY, SW19 8LW • (100 GATES A WATERBURY, SW19 8LW) • Much improved extended 4 bedroom semi-detached property benefitting from UPVC double glazing & gas central heating. The superb four bedroom is located in a quiet cul-de-sac.

Evans Street
Willenhall



A three bedroom semi-detached family home having the benefit of no upward chain, gas central heating and UPVC double glazing. The property briefly comprises, entrance hall, lounge, dining room, kitchen, 3 bedrooms, re-fitted family bathroom with shower, rear garden and off road parking to front.

OFFERS AROUND: £94,950
Viewing: 01902 633323

Myrtle Street
Wolverhampton



Much improved and well presented three bedroom semi-detached house. Having the benefit of gas central heating and double glazing, accommodation comprises entrance hall, lounge, dining room, kitchen, 3 bedrooms, bathroom, gardens front and rear, detached garage. NO UPWARD CHAIN.

OFFERS AROUND: £95,000
Viewing: 01902 633323

Shoreham Close
Willenhall



EXTENDED & well presented 5 BEDROOM DETACHED HOUSE, central heating, upvc double glazing, 18ft lounge, 15ft fitted breakfast kitchen, sun lounge, study, laundry, 2 double bedrooms, garage, large drive, rear garden.

OFFERS AROUND: £180,000
Viewing: 01902 633323

Hilton Road
Willenhall



3 bedroom terrace house benefiting from upvc double glazing and part central heating and offering no upward chain. Further comprising entrance hall, guest wc, lounge, fitted kitchen/diner with integrated appliances, utility room, rear garden, front and rear gardens.

OFFERS AROUND: £70,000
Viewing: 01902 633323

Dillway Lane
Willenhall



Three bedroom semi with gas central heating & double glazing. Convenient for Bilston & Walsall, accommodation comprises porch, reception hall, through lounge/dining room, kitchen, rear porch & utility room, guest wc, front & rear gardens, off road parking to front.

OFFERS AROUND: £97,500
Viewing: 01902 633323

Willenhall Street
Wednesbury



• Refurnished 2 Bedroom Semi Detached Home • No Upward Chain • Gas Central Heating & Double Glazing (as specified)

OFFERS AROUND: £84,995
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• 1 Bedroom First Floor Flat
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• Electric Storage Heating
• Quiet Cul-de-Sac Location
OFFERS AROUND: £59,995
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• 3 Bedroom Semi Detached Home
• Double Glazed (as specified)
• No Upward Chain
• Reception Hall
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● Conservatory
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Blenheim Road, Willenhall,
● 3/4 Bed Extended Semi
● Fitted Kitchen
● Feature Lounge/Diner
● Two Reception Rooms
● Breakfast Kitchen
● Conservatory
● MUST VIEW
£164,995 O.I.R.O



Kestrel Way, Cheslyn Hay,
● Large Two Bed Semi
● Extended
● Fitted Kitchen
● Feature Lounge
● Large Conservatory
● Garage
£154,995



Watkins Rd, Willenhall,
● 3/4 Bed Semi-Detached
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● Large Lounge
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£152,250



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Kenilworth Crescent, Cavendish Park,
● Modern 3 Bed Semi
● Conservatory
● Detached Garage
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● MUST VIEW
£134,995 O.N.O



Chester Close, Willenhall,
● Extended 2 Bed
● D/Glazing/C/Heating
● Large Rear Garden
● Off Road Parking
● Bought After Location
£130,000 O.I.R.O



Oakridge Drive, Cheslyn Hay
● Two Bed End Terrace
● Modern Fitted Kitchen
● Conservatory
● Off Road Parking
● Sizable Corner Plot
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● Modern 3 Bed Semi
● New Fitted Kitchen
● Modern Fitted Bathroom
● D/Glazing & C/Heating
● Must View
£100,000 offers over



Woodwards Place, Alumwell,
● Large 3 Bed House
● Well Presented
● Modern Fitted Kitchen
● Re-Fitted Shower Room
● Must View
£89,995 O.N.O



Remington Road, Beechdale,
● Three Bed Mid Terrace
● Two Reception Rooms
● Fitted Kitchen
● D/Glazing & Heating
● Part Double Glazing
£89,995 O.N.O



Lichfield Road, New Invention,
● Three Bed Semi
● Modern Fitted Kitchen
● Fitted Bathroom
● D/Glazing & Heating
● Part Double Glazing
£84,995 REDUCED



Station Street, Wednesbury,
● Two Bed Terrace
● Fitted Kitchen
● Fitted Bathroom
● D/Glazing/C/Heating
● Rear Garden
£81,995



High Road, Willenhall,
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● Bed Mid Terrace
● Two Reception Rooms
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£40,000 O.I.R.O



Lambeth Road, Bilston,
● 3 Bed Mid Terrace
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● C/Heating & D/Glazing
● Large Garden
£89,995 O.I.R.O



Silverton Way, Wednesfield,
● Two Bed Mid Terrace
● Fitted Kitchen/Diner
● Re-Fitted Bathroom
● Modern Stylish decor
● Garage
£130,000 O.N.O



Woodside Way, Short Heath,
● Extended 4 Bed Semi
● Re-Fitted Kitchen
● Two Reception Rooms
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Wolverhampton Road, Essington,
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Brunslow Close, Willenhall,
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● Large Rear Garden
£450 P.M



Castlebridge Road, Wednesfield,
● One Bed Flat
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● Fitted Bathroom
● D/Glazing/C/Heating
● Large Rear Garden
£400 P.M



Keysmith Close, Willenhall,
● 2 Bedroom Apartment
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NEW

Delamere Drive
Walsall

- A well presented end terrace house
- Gas centrally heated and uPVC double glazed
- Front lounge, rear dining kitchen, conservatory
- Three bedrooms, bathroom/WC
- Allocated parking and gardens
- All serious offers considered

Offers In The Region Of £117,950



Edinburgh Road
Rushall

- A conveniently situated modern family home
- Gas centrally heated and uPVC double glazed
- Through lounge/dining room, conservatory, fitted kitchen, utility
- Three well proportioned bedrooms, bathroom/WC
- Good sized garage with ample off road parking
- Well maintained fore and rear gardens
- Serious offers considered

Offers In The Region Of £159,950



Millfield Avenue
Lower Farm

- A much improved and refurbished mid terrace house
- Gas centrally heated and uPVC double glazed
- Spacious breakfast room/kitchen, lounge, guest cloak/WC, utility
- Three well proportioned bedrooms, bathroom/WC
- Large rear garden
- Viewing Essential

Offers In The Region Of £89,950



Ashley Road
Bloxwich

- An immaculately presented semi detached house
- Gas centrally heated and uPVC double glazed
- Spacious rear lounge, large breakfast room/kitchen
- Three bedrooms, bathroom/WC
- Block paved driveway and long lawned rear garden
- NO ONWARD CHAIN

Offers In The Region Of £119,950



REDUCED

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SHARESHILL

- An impeccably presented and spacious semi detached house
- Gas centrally heated and uPVC double glazed
- Magnificent through lounge leading into conservatory
- Separate dining room, re-fitted 'light oak' breakfast kitchen
- Utility room, study room, guest cloak/WC, galleried landing
- Four bedrooms, master having en-suite bathroom/WC
- Double width side by side garage, landscaped gardens

Offers In The Region Of £325,000



Ashbourne Road
Bloxwich

- A well presented and much improved end town house
- Gas centrally heated and uPVC double glazed
- Re-fitted kitchen, rear lounge/dining area, conservatory
- Three bedrooms and bathroom/WC
- Ample off road parking, neatly laid rear garden
- NO UPWARD CHAIN

Offers In The Region Of £94,950



Hawbush Road
Walsall

- A much improved and well presented semi detached house
- Gas centrally heated and uPVC double glazed
- Large rear garden
- Front lounge, large rear dining kitchen, conservatory
- Three bedrooms, bathroom/WC
- Ample parking and good sized rear garden with large store
- Viewing Essential

Offers In The Region Of £104,950



Thompson Street
Willenhall

- A superbly spacious Victorian detached house
- Offering gas central heating and PVCu double glazing
- Three large reception rooms, breakfast kitchen
- Four bedrooms, bathroom/WC
- Carport and tandem length garage
- Viewing Essential

Offers In The Region Of £239,950



Sneyd Lane
Bloxwich

- A much improved and refurbished, traditionally styled detached house
- Gas centrally heated and uPVC double glazed accommodation
- Two good sized reception rooms, fitted kitchen
- Three bedrooms, and spacious family bathroom/WC
- Loft room, single garage, block paved parking
- Good sized lawned rear garden

Offers In The Region Of £164,950



Reedly Road
Sneyd Park, Willenhall

- An extended and much improved modern semi detached house
- Occupying a quiet yet convenient location on this ever popular estate
- Gas centrally heated and uPVC double glazed accommodation
- Large rear lounge, rear dining kitchen (re-fitted), extended family room
- Three bedrooms, re-fitted bathroom/WC
- Carport, detached garage, enclosed rear garden
- NO UPWARD CHAIN
- Must View

Offers In The Region Of £145,000



Birchover Road
Reedswold

- A well maintained and much improved semi detached house
- Gas centrally heated and PVCu double glazed
- Spacious front lounge, rear dining room
- Extended breakfast kitchen and utility area, guests cloak/WC
- Three good sized bedrooms, re-fitted shower room/WC
- Single car garage, large block paved driveway
- Enclosed easy maintenance gardens

Offers In The Region Of £134,950



Gorey Close
Coppice Farm, Willenhall

- An attractively situated semi-detached house
- Gas centrally heated and uPVC double glazed accommodation
- Lounge, extended dining room, fitted kitchen
- Three bedrooms, family bathroom/WC
- Single car garage, driveway
- Easily maintained gardens
- Open aspect to the front
- Viewing Essential

Offers In The Region Of £138,950



Rowan Road
Walsall

- A large and spacious semi-detached house
- Gas centrally heated and uPVC double glazed
- Through lounge/dining room, kitchen and utility room
- Three good sized bedrooms, shower room/WC, separate WC
- Single car garage and good sized lawned gardens
- Viewing Essential

Offers In The Region Of £179,995



Jacobs Hall Lane
Great Wyrley

- A stunningly spacious & immaculately presented detached house
- Gas centrally heated and uPVC double glazed
- Three spacious reception rooms, expensively fitted kitchen, utility
- Five bedrooms, two with en-suite shower rooms
- Single car garage and good sized lawned gardens
- Large block paved driveway, landscaped gardens

Offers In The Region Of £399,995



Sneyd Lane
Bloxwich

- A traditionally styled Edwardian semi detached house
- Gas central heating and PVCu double glazed
- Front lounge, rear dining room, fitted kitchen, utility area
- Three bedrooms, en-suite/WC
- Off road driveway parking and large garden at rear
- Motivated Seller

Offers In The Region Of £129,950



Borneo Street
The Butts, Walsall

- A substantially built Victorian End Town House
- Gas centrally heated and uPVC double glazed
- Two large reception rooms, breakfast kitchen
- Large bathroom/WC, walk in shower
- Three well proportioned bedrooms

Offers In The Region Of £139,950



Elms Lane
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- Beautifully Presented Detached Bungalow
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Small price to pay for the wind in your hair

CHOP THE roof off a car and it will probably wobble on rough roads; add a fabric top and it will let in more noise than keeping the tin-top in place, writes Ian Donaldson.

That's simple physics; the trick is to minimise both intruders while giving the punter something stylish for his (and, vitally, her) money. And that's another drop-top factor to consider. They all

By Ian Donaldson

cost more than the hatches they're based on, so will only win over buyers who fall in love with the prospect of a bit of a pose in a less practical car.

Now, after a nine-year break, comes the Golf Cabriolet and, on a first drive on some fine Leicestershire roads in glorious early

autumn sunshine it wasn't hard to make a case for spending the extra.

My test, picked at random from a tempting line taking in the entire launch range, was the most expensive Golf Cabriolet you can buy, at the moment.

It costs a not inconsiderable £26,595,

£3,495 more than the equivalent Golf hatch and tops a range starting at £20,720. Three engines are immediately available (two petrol, one diesel) with three more later in the year.

The theme of three continues in the number of trim levels (S, SE and GT).

Volume

All of them feature 16-inch alloy wheels, DAB radio and Bluetooth, and a powered roof that whirs up and down in about the time it takes Usain Bolt to run 100 metres and will perform either action at up to about 18mph – looking ultra cool in the process.

Finding somewhere to stow the top when you want wind in your hair means there's less room in the rear seats than a Golf hatch and the boot is down in volume too.

However, unlike convertibles with bulky metal folding roofs (like the bigger, dearer VW Eos), there's the same space available whatever the posi-

tion of the top, although reaching into the furthest recesses is a bit like trying to retrieve a parcel posted through a letter box.

But enough of these practicalities, you buy a cabrio as much with your heart as your head, even if the VW badges allows you to pretend you've been a bit sensible too.

Try the cabrio first with roof in place and on a patched British main road and you'll feel the car shimmery slightly as it mourns the loss of stiffness in the cut-about body, while you notice a bit more wind noise than the hatch will provoke.

Let the roof down, however, and let the sun shine in and you'll forgive the car its minor down-sides and enjoy the smell of the fields, the twitter of birds in the roadside bushes and the feeling of one-ness with nature that a

only a convertible can give.

And it doesn't matter if you stay on to the A14, where the standard fit air deflector behind the front seats means there's only a gentle breeze in the cockpit with the speedo showing a typical A14 cruising speed (go on, you guess).

With 160 horsepower from its turbo charged petrol engine and VW's delightful DSG automatic gearbox giving your left leg a rest, this top of the pile cabrio is both swift when provoked and a doodle to drive in congested town traffic.

Never mind that the dash is standard Golf hatch fare.

That means it's sensible, easily mastered and just a touch lacking in flair but promises an uncomplicated relationship with a car that so easily puts a smile on your face.



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Vauxhall's Zafira starts a price war



Vauxhall says its new Zafira people-mover will undercut its key rivals being £1,200 cheaper than Ford's S-Max

VAUXHALL has started a people-moving price war with its main rival Ford.

The entry-level version of the new Vauxhall Zafira Tourer will undercut the price of its main rival, the Ford S-Max, by £1,200.

Despite the cost-cutting, the 138bhp Zafira Tourer ES 1.8 will come equipped with an excellent range of kit as standard, including air conditioning, DAB radio, cruise control, MP3 connections, six airbags, a seven-speaker sound system, active headrests and the handy Flex7 seating found in the smaller

Zafira. Longer, wider and more expensive than the Zafira, the Zafira Tourer is designed to be Vauxhall's premier people-mover, with higher levels of luxury, space and equipment.

It uses key components from the Insignia, which seem to include the basic chassis layout.

Safety

The Insignia's platform is a large one, so it's no surprise that the Zafira Tourer is described by Vauxhall as "overwhelmingly airy" inside.

On the outside, it's 19cm longer than a standard Zafira.

In this vehicle, more emphasis is

being placed on safety in the Tourer, with a plethora of driver-assist systems making a first appearance in the new model.

Traffic sign recognition, side blind spot alert and advance park assist – which helps drivers find an adequate parking space and guides them in to it – are among the potential highlights, but they are likely to be extra options.

There will be 1.8-litre and turbocharged 1.4-litre petrol engines, alongside a 2.0-litre diesel engine with three different power outputs.

One of the diesels is an EcoFlex version that emits 119g/km of CO₂, reducing running costs.

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In the freezing conditions of the Tamworth Snowdome, Peugeot's 3008 Crossover shows its mettle

Time to get a grip

PEUGEOT'S 3008 Crossover with Grip Control is the first two wheel drive car to scale the one-in-three steep ski slope at the Snowdome in Tamworth, the UK's original indoor snow-covered ski slope.

While the Snowdome has been scaled by four wheeled drive cars shot with tyres specifically designed for snow, the standard 3008's success was down to the advanced technology available in the multi-award winning family car.

As British winters get harsher, motorists need to know their vehicle will keep them safe in snowy conditions. The 3008 Crossover with Peugeot's innovative Grip Control system could solve the car conundrum, especially for those wanting to stay on the move without the financial and environmental costs of a traditional 4x4.

Standard on the 3008 SR Crossover and as a £470 option on the 3008 Sport and Exclusive HDi 112 and HDi 150 models, Grip Control is an intelligent traction control system, automatically improving the vehicle's grip on difficult surfaces such as snow, mud, dirt tracks and wet grass, making it a car for all conditions without the disadvantages of increased weight and emissions.

The system works with the vehicle's Electronic Stability Programme to maintain the best possible traction from the

front wheels. It has five operating modes which the driver can select from a control mounted on the centre console.

Grip Control is helped by the standard fitment of 215/60 R16 Michelin Latitude Tour HP "Mud & Snow" tyres, which are suitable for off-road use. These tyres have special "StabiliGrip" blades within the tread pattern that lock together to maintain contact with the given terrain.

James Smith, operations manager at the Snowdome drove the 3008 up the slope.

"I was totally astounded at its ability," he said. "The 3008 felt totally at home on the slope, more so in fact than some 4x4s that I've driven. It made relatively light work of the slope and that is no mean feat."



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The car world's catwalk

IT'S not big, it's vast – the Frankfurt motor is a once every two years chance for Germany's car makers to show off.

And boy, do they flex their corporate muscle. Take Volkswagen; for days before the show opened around 1,000 people had been building the company's stand. Shaped like a cloud and big enough to display 50 vehicles, it is lit by 2,100 lamps and needs 50 miles of cable to connect them.

Not enough for Audi, though, which built a temporary show hall, big enough for its latest cars to roar round on a banked indoor track and rumoured to cost 10 million euros.

So it's good to see, if you're rooting for the UK (which hasn't had a proper motor show for years) that not all the show stoppers were designed on computers in a German car plant. One came from Coventry, in the shape of the Jaguar C-X16 prototype.

Another came from the other branch of what we'll get used to calling JLR – for Jaguar Land Rover. For one of Frankfurt's genuine surprises was a glimpse into the future (well, 2015) when Land Rover is due to introduce a new version of the seemingly immortal Defender.

Supercharged

But the Jag first. Pretty enough to take your breath, this is the car that's going to morph into the E-Type for the 21st century. The shortest Jaguar since the 1954 XK 120, it's powered by a supercharged V6 petrol engine and boosted by an on-demand electric motor for a top speed of 186mph.

It's expected to cost from around £50,000 when sales start in 18 months time, by which time an obvious competitor will have already become a modestly common sight.

That car – the new Porsche 911 – is another Frankfurt star. Only the third all-new 911 (it made its debut at Frankfurt in 1963) the new model continues the looks of old (made not to) but is bigger and, with a new 3.4 litre, 350 horsepower engine for the entry level, faster and more economical.

Put German (Porsche) engineering and British design together and you have the new Hernera, from a London-based company – Eterniti Motors.

Called the world's first "super SUV", the car is based on a Porsche Cayenne with blinged-up bodywork. It won't be cheap (from around £150,000); features include twin electric rear seats, iPads and a drinks chiller. Production is promised for 2012.

One show car not scheduled for production is the Kia GT, although its vaguely Aston Martin-like lines and sheer in-your-face style signify a company oozing confidence. More sensible, but with style to spare, is the Kia Optima.

It's the size of a BMW 5 Series and could shake up the executive car market when it arrives on our



West Midlands know-how produced the Jaguar C-X16 prototype at Coventry

shores next year. And back to Land Rover, which showed a closed and open version of its new Defender thinking.

The first we'd seen already, the topless version of the DC100 was as unexpected as it was startlingly effective, with cut-down windscreen and a sonar system like a submarine's to tell you how deep is the river you're about to ford. It will doubtless be toned down before we can buy one, but let's hope not by too much.

Frankfurt is Europe's biggest car show and probably the most important and yes, there were plenty of daft looking designs you know will never see the light of a production line. More interesting were the rash of new cars you WILL be able to see at the local showroom soon.

Mercedes B-Class: Due here in March, it's lower than today's car yet roomier inside, one of the most aerodynamic shapes in the world and comes with a new range of engines promising much better economy.

The seats are nearer the ground than the old car (easier to get in and out of, says Mercedes), while every car will have a radar based anti-collision system that warns of a potential shunt ahead.

Honda Civic: A smoothed-off version of the mould-breaking current and Swindon-built car, the new Civic is going to major on an improved ride and better handling.

It will go on sale at the start of next year with 1.4 and 1.8-litre petrol engines and a 2.2-litre diesel. Prices will start around £16,000. The 2.2-litre

diesel will bring emissions down to 110g/km, and a 1.6-litre diesel will be added later.

Volkswagen Up: Well, it's the up! And it's a big car hiding in a small car's bodyshell.

The up! is a front-wheel-drive city car powered by a new generation of 1.0-litre three-cylinder petrol engines with emissions below 100g/km and fuel consumption of more than 60mpg with stop-start.

It will go on sale in the UK next March from around £8,000. Its new underbody structures and engines have been developed so they can be expanded for the next-generation VW Polo, and there will be Seat and Skoda versions.

Concept

Skoda: The gap between the little Fabia and much bigger Octavia will be plugged when the Mission L arrives here next year, after going on sale in India first, later in 2011.

It will look a lot like the Frankfurt "concept car" which enhances Skoda's reputation for simply styled, unshowy cars that deliver the goods at sensible prices.

Mazda: The company's new CX-5 is an SUV with a mission: to premiere Mazda's SkyActiv technology which signifies a thorough look at the way a conventional petrol engine works, to the extent that one model of CX-5 will hit 63mpg in the official tests, despite being a bigish and quite heavy car. A 2.2 diesel version is expected to be the biggest seller. Prices should start around £23,000.

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Club dream fulfilled as £1m base opens doors

THE MIDLANDS' biggest amateur football club has fulfilled a decade-long dream after work was completed on its new £1m clubhouse on the outskirts of Walsall.

Wyreley Juniors will celebrate with an open day this weekend. The building in Long Lane, Essington, has four changing rooms, two referees' changing rooms, a kitchen, medical room and a function room. It will be home to the club's 45 teams and 700 players.

The clubhouse will also act as a village hall for the wider community.

Bosses spent 10 years identifying land, agreeing a lease, obtaining two planning permissions and raising £1.15m. More than £30,000 was spent on planning applications and surveys before a brick was laid.

Available

The open day on Saturday, October 1, will feature guided tours of the new facility and a 10-hour sponsored football match involving all the club's teams.

Wyreley Juniors' chairman Keith

Hardy said: "Our vision has at last come to fruition. The open day will be our opportunity to showcase the efforts of hundreds of volunteers who have given time, sweat and money in getting Wyreley Juniors Football Club its own base."

The building project, which began in January, received £683,840 from the Football Foundation, and a grant of £245,000 from the Football Association.

The rest of the cash – more than £200,000 – was raised by the club itself over a decade of fundraising events. A

walk to the top of Snowdon earlier this year by a group of 40 players, managers, parents and friends raised more than £7,000 towards the total.

Last month Wyreley Juniors was announced as the FA's community club of the year, with former Liverpool legend Ian Rush presenting Keith Hardy with the award at Wembley.

The club comprises four men's teams, a women's team, 29 boys' teams and 11 girls' teams and also runs academies for boys and girls aged four to six.

Entrance to the open day is free.



The new Wyreley Juniors pavilion, open to the public this weekend



Willenhall on the attack against Rocester

Lockmen are undone by soft equaliser

WILLENHALL 1 ROCESTER 1

WILLENHALL will count themselves unfortunate not to have taken maximum points from Rocester after a vastly improved performance.

New signing Michael Williams was quickly into his stride with a strong run through the middle before setting up Jan Trapszo inside 60 seconds, but the threat was ended by a defensive challenge.

Skipper Matt Whitehouse was a yard over with a 25-yard strike after Richard Gregory's free-kick had rebounded to him off the wall before the Lockmen deservedly took the lead on 15 minutes.

A ball down the middle found Trapszo and the striker held off two strong challenges before poking the ball past the keeper.

Refereeing

Willenhall continued to threaten, with Gregory lifting a shot onto the roof of the net from outside the box, Joe Lyng then bulletted a header at the keeper before Trapszo wriggled through two challenges to force another save.

It was much against the run of play when Rocester equalised on 40 minutes.

A left wing cross into the near post was flicked across goal to Craig Smith who had time and space to roll the ball into an unguarded net from close range.

There was still time for Gregory to fire in an overhead kick just beyond the far post as Willenhall sought to take a lead into the break.

By contrast, the second half was quiet, Trapszo had one chance but after turning two traps he lost control as he shaped to shoot and the chance was gone.

Jamel Fuller then attacked down the left but his dangerous low cross was grabbed just in time by the keeper.

Gregory sent a lobbed effort just over the bar on 71 minutes as the game ground towards a tetchy finish, not helped by inconsistent refereeing.

Five goals conceded but Villa pride intact

STAFFORD TOWN 5 PELSALL VILLA 0

PELSALL crashed out of the FA Vase after missing several early chances to put them selves in a comfortable position, writes Mark Bentley.

The first chance after five minutes came when a free-kick delivered by Ryan Williams found Daniel Battison, whose free header went just wide.

A 30yd diagonal ball by Lawley found Craig Stevens whos cushion header put Williams through. His cross was parried by Town keeper Andy Heal and the ball fell to Battison, whose lob went just over.

Some neat passing involving Jim Lewis, Williams and John Patrick put Phil Gayle on goal but he was denied by Heal in the Town goal.

Pelsall paid the price on 18 minutes when they lost possession in midfield and the impressive Sam Agar burst down the Villa right, and pulled back a ball to be slotted home by Tom Smith.

Pelsall continued to play some clever football, with Williams and Patrick making things happen, but Pelsall could not penetrate the Town defence.

Skirmish

On 22 minutes a harmless looking ball into the Villa box was dropped by Pelsall keeper Collins and Craig Hulme took advantage gratefully.

Pelsall still kept pushing forward, had a good penalty appeal turned down, and on 28 minutes Jason Holmes hit the bar. Battison fired the rebound straight at keeper Heal.

Holmes again showed pace and skill to get behind the Town defence his cross this time just eluded Lewis.

On 40 minutes Tom Smith powered forward down the Pelsall right and his inch perfect cross was slotted home by Agar.

Pelsall still have another chance before the interval when Lewis puts Patrick clear of the defence but great work by Heal prevented a goal.

Pelsall started the second half well and a cross by Stevens was half cleared to Williams whose 20yd strike went inches wide.

Matters worsened for Pelsall on 65 minutes when Battison was involved in an off the ball skirmish and received a red card.

Pelsall, to their credit, still had the bulk of possession, but on 86 minutes a clever turn by Agar and a strike to keeper Collins' right made it 40. Then a cross from Town's left was expected to go wide by Collins but found its way into the bottom corner.

Although the scoreline suggests a hammering, Pelsall provided some good football, and a combination of missed chances and bad mistakes cost them dearly.

Penalty corners go begging

BLOXWICH 3RDS 0 STONE 3RDS 1

BLOXWICH, riding high on victory the previous week, were in for a much harder game of hockey last Saturday, writes David Symonds.

With a player missing, the decision was made to leave Chez Alcock up front. Bloxwich had a lot of the play for the first quarter of the match and were putting the Stone defence under considerable pressure.

Stone rallied and got more into the game towards half-time with keeper Jill Ricketts being called into action.

At half-time Bloxwich discussed increasing the movement on and off the ball, and this was certainly evident during the second half. Great running from Abbie Lloyd, Steph Oates, Kate Gardner and Katie Greenhill to support Chez Alcock resulted in six penalty corners.

Bloxwich were unable to build on that pressure and convert them into goals and it left them exposed at times.

Stone counter-attacked and Jill Ricketts and Stacey Hadley were left unprotected at the back. The rest of the team ran back to support, but Stone claimed the winner.

Kelly's eye is in for Bloxwich Youth

JAY Kelly was in form for Bloxwich Youth in the Walsall 6-a-side Monday premier division of Leisure Leagues as they leapfrogged opponents Miami Dolphins with a handsome 4-0 win.

Wednesday Boys moved from the foot of the table, and dumped Coppers in their place as Jay Allcock inspired a fine win over their rivals, also by four to nil.

Jack's the lad with four for Tigers

CRESSWELL TIGERS U9S 6

TIPTON YOUTH U9S 6

A GREAT all round display by Tigers was reflected in this result, writes Neil Percival. Four goals from man of the match Jake Percival and two from Myles Lowe saw the Tigers easily victorious. A more

Bloxwich Beasts demonstrated why they set the pace in Division One, with Luke Fox pulling the strings in a convincing 5-2 defeat of FC Copendenby.

Commanding

Creswell Rovers stay firmly amongst the pacemakers after easing past FC Vengeance 3-0 with Shaun Peace starring.

Everybody Loves Keown will be hoping to climb what it a very compact Second Division table as they tore apart A Team in an 8-1 rout. No Lighty No Likely were also big winners as Joe Allan orchestrated a commanding 5-1 defeat of Bayer Neverlusers.

Shiffield Thursday and Singhs Six continue to go at it hammer & tongs at the summit of the Thurs-

day 6 a side top flight with Hartside wins over Youth 4-1 and CPA by 5-2 respectively. Shower Dan FC stated their intentions as they hit six past Madagascar, who could only reply with one. FC Madrid showed why they sit atop the First Division with a 6-1 drubbing of Shiffield Wednesday.

The referee gave a penalty which Kevin Renshaw despatched.

Wood's next home game is on Tuesday, October 4 at 7.45 pm, with Bolehall Swifts the visitors to Oak Park.

With extra time looming the Wood box, the ball was headed up into the air and the slightest touch in Rowland's back saw him fall to the ground.

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Blunted Pics content to keep hold of sixth spot

FRICKLEY ATHLETIC 0 RUSHALL OLYMPIC 0

RUSHALL Olympic almost paid the penalty for a lacklustre display as they struggled to a drab goalless draw in the Evi-Stik League Premier Division, writes Darren Stockall.

The only bright points of Saturday afternoon were that the point maintained sixth position for Pics and kept another clean sheet.

The visitors were first to threaten on five minutes when Ahmed Obeng appeared clean through and was unerringly taken out from behind by Stuart Ludlam, who received just a caution. From the resulting free-kick Grant Beckett curled an effort around the defensive wall and over the bar.

Stoppage

The game only burst into life in the 24th minute when Obeng turned inside and found Fitzpatrick with a delightful crossfield pass that the midfielder drove venomously first time from 25 yards, only to see keeper Adam Billard tip over for a corner.

Five minutes later and as Obeng got past Frickley's back-line, he was just inches away from lofting the ball beyond the home custodian into the path of Edwards to yield an open goal, but the stopper made a timely interception.

Super ball control from Rushall's Obeng on 44 minutes saw him probe rapidly forward from the centre circle to the edge of the penalty area, but the forward all too easily relinquished possession to an opponent at the critical moment and failed to get a shot off.

Pics were slow out of the starting blocks for the commencement of the second period and within two minutes of the restart 'keeper Gemmill was forced to save at the feet of Knox after Mitchell Tolley appeared to give up the pursuit, wrongly assuming that his colleague had the situation covered.

Olympic responded on 50 minutes when defender Adams gifted the ball to Obeng, but the front runner hooked awkwardly wide of the target as he slumped to the ground in the aftermath.

In the 67th minute the Blues were back on the offensive as Brad Grayson volleyed wide of the top left corner after a flag kick broke down. However, in the very next phase of play, with the hosts still on the offensive, Knox drilled the ball marginally wide of the foot of the right hand post as it took a deflection on its way out for a corner.

With Rushall continuing to misfire as the game progressed to a conclusion, with 20 minutes remaining 'keeper Gemmill was forced into a superb save to push away a venomous 20-yard drive from Knox for a flag kick.

Five minutes later and Olympic finally responded when substitute Marcus Jackson was picked out with a useful looking through ball, but after darting past his marker, a low drive from the edge of the box was well smothered by keeper Billard.

Wanderers sunk by Chase spot kick

CHASE ATHLETIC 3 CRESSWELL WANDERERS 2

In a frantic first five minutes Wanderers went close through Jack Dunn only to crash a shot off the crossbar, writes Mike Dunn.

Chase, last season's champions, grabbed an opener and the game opened right up.

Cresswell created several chances through Tom Brownlie and Ryan Brookes and Jack Squire who levelled matters with a great strike.

Chase again put their noses in front before half time after a good counter attack, but soon after the break Robbie Smith equalised again for Cresswell with a swivel shot from the top drawer.

Both teams cancelled each other out for a lengthy period, but the bombshell of a late penalty gave Chase Athletic all three points.

Man of the match Jack May continued to impress with a great display of grit and determination.

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SMITH CRIES FOUL OVER KILLER GOAL

COLCHESTER UNITED 1 WALSALL 0

WALSALL boss Dean Smith rapped officials Simon Hooper and Jake Hillier this week after two controversial penalty calls cost the Saddlers dear at Colchester United. The boss questioned the experience of rookie assistant referee Hillier after Andy Butler conceded a penalty and was sent off.

Replays showed the skipper's initial contact with Michail Antonio, before Anthony Wordsworth match-winning spot-kick last Saturday in Essex, was outside the Colchester box and Smith insisted that referee Hooper also got it wrong.

"I saw the match-changing decision, the foul was made outside the box and the lad falls inside. Maybe that's what you get when you have a 23-year-old linesman, maybe it's a bit of inexperience from him," he said, with the Saddlers now winless in five League One games.

"The foul was outside the box, I've seen it with my video analyst so maybe they can take it, we'll leave viewers on the edge of their seats."

Cliffhanger endings, departures of main characters and love stories with a local hero have been the recent scripts.

Now, with Season Two well underway, the Saddlers must ensure they don't become the supporting artists to the main storyline. But currently they are more Brookslide than Brookside.

Defeat at Colchester on Saturday made it five winless games and left Walsall pondering a spin-off series which will only draw the same reviews as last year.

Those struggles still linger and that is the root cause of any panic from the terraces. The fear the Saddlers will be dragged into the relegation mire is palpable.

Walsall lack the important momentum which needs to be gathered if they are to be considered when awards season rolls round.

There are still 108 points to play for so ambitions aren't out of reach but it is hard to gain drive from a standing start.

The Saddlers can argue, with justification, that decisions went against them on Saturday with Andy Butler dismissed for conceding a penalty – for a foul outside the area.

And having their own penalty claims denied, when Magnus Okuonghae handled in the box, did little to lighten the mood.

That's not to say they don't need help – there were no shots on target on Saturday.

Trials have come and gone and the manager knows where the problems are, but he has limited options in how to fix them. Those options further diminished with Butler's impending ban following his foul on Michail Antonio – which led to Anthony Wordsworth's match-winning 33rd-minute penalty.

The skipper is training to be a referee, which only left him more aggravated to walk Mr Hooper and Mr Hillier awarded the spot-kick.

As Butler departed so did Walsall's chances.

They toiled with 10 men against an average Colchester team. Two frustrated United fans demanded their money back in reception after the game, so disappointed were they that their team failed to put more than one past the Saddlers.

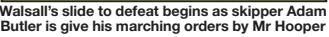
But had it not been for Jimmy Walker Colchester would have cruised to victory.

The shot-stopper denied Ian Henderson, twice, before a second-half battle with Kayode Odejayi ended with the veteran spectacularly clawing away the striker's header.

Colchester United: Williams; Wilson, Baldwin, Okuonghae, Coker; Bond, Izett, Wordsworth; Henderson (Duguid, 79), Odejayi (Heath, 90), Antonio.

Walsall: Walker, Beevers, Butler, Smith, Sadler, Hurst, Taundry, Chambers, Paterson (Lancashire 34), Macken (Jarvis 77), Grigg (Westlake 34). Referee: Mr S. Hooper (Wiltshire). Attendance: 3,103.

Walsall's slide to defeat begins as skipper Adam Butler is given his marching orders by Mr Hooper



Aldridge caught cold by early tries blitz

ALDRIDGE were caught napping by an onslaught that Market Drayton's speedy backs unleashed right from the kick-off in this RFU Junior Vase encounter, writes *Jim Chambers*.

The visitors had posted five tries by the interval while

forwards, which increasingly stifled the ball supply to the opposition backs.

The game was effectively over by half time, but the tenacity and determination of the Aldridge pack and a re-organised defence in the backs meant that the second half was

confined to a forward scrap in between the 22 metre lines. Aldridge had a couple of missed opportunities and denied the visitors any more scores until a converted try for Market Drayton right on the final whistle.

Nailbiter as Walsall grab victory by single point

WALSALL 27 BURTON 26

A WALSALL team showing six changes were involved in a gripping contest at Delves Road, writes *Arnold Evans*.

Burton provided a stern test and soon went 6-0 up through Dave Archer penalties. But this was very much a game of running rugby. Walsall lock Nick Field touched down after the ball was moved wide to Alex Greenslade, then Dave Merlin drove forward before some quick passing saw the ball reach Rod Dickson.

The Walsall No8 was brought down just short of the line, but Field was in support to gather the flick up and dive over.

Burton kicked a penalty virtually straight from the restart, but another sweeping Walsall attack saw full back Roger Weston receive the final pass to cross wide out.

The half came to a close with a spectacular piece of play that saw Walsall score their third try. It was instigated by a Wood interception. He ran to halfway before finding Rafa Ingelmo in support. The young Spaniard showed good speed before he was pulled down inches short. Burton committed blatant infringements and eventually had a player sent to the sinbin.

Concede

Walsall opted for a scrum, Dickson picked up and drove over to give the home team a 17-26 lead.

In the second half a quick Burton throw in saw centre Brooks slide over. Archer converted, then put his team back in front with a penalty. The 17-17 scoreline became 17-26 when the hosts failed to clear lost possession and Burton centre Merlin crashed over.

Walsall closed the gap to 24-26 with a converted try from Dave Merlin. Good shot driving created space for the lock to cut through from 20 metres. Then good work by Halbert and Andy Fitzgerald forced the winning penalty, which Wood put over to add to his two conversions.

Walsall gained the maximum five points for their four-trv win and are now third in Midlands One West.

This Saturday, the team travel to Radford in Coventry to play their first ever league game against the Dunlop club promoted last year and now play at their highest ever level of league rugby.

DROITWICH 2nds 0 WALSALL 2nds 50

Walsall 2nds fielded one of their strongest teams for many seasons when they played a friendly at Droitwich. There were several players with first team experience in a side that won 50-0, with Dan Simpson, Dan Clark and Mike Benson having outstanding games.

Simpson scored three tries. Benson two, and Clark, Carl Robinson and Jamie Hickman one each. Jack Crowhurst kicked four conversions and Kevin Pitt another.

The team has only conceded one try this season, but will be severely tested this Saturday by Sutton Coldfield.

Walsall 3rd XV had a convincing 34-5 victory over Wednesbury 2nd XV. Phil Stanley powered over for three tries, while there was one each for Kevin Foster, Mike Perkins, Eric Hughes and James Quigley, who also kicked two conversions.

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Walsall keeper Jimmy Walker spreads himself to deny Ian Henderson



Adam Chambers (left) and Richard Taundry help Walsall win the aerial challenges



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Mental Health Partnership NHS Trust

2010/11 Annual Report

Foreword

We are pleased to present Dudley and Walsall Mental Health Partnership NHS Trust's Annual Report and Accounts for 2010/11.

This year has been a significant and successful period for the Trust as we have worked hard to strengthen our engagement with service users and carers and progressed with plans to modernise and improve services.

We would like to thank everyone who has been involved with the Trust over the past twelve months for their tremendous commitment to helping us achieve our vision of being 'Better Together'. This dedication has ensured the Trust continues to deliver high quality mental health services for the communities of Dudley and Walsall boroughs. We look forward to working with our members and other stakeholders over the coming year to build on these successes and improve the mental health and wellbeing of local residents.



Glyn Shaw

Glyn Shaw, Chairman

Gary Graham

Gary Graham, Chief Executive

Who we are and what we do

Here at Dudley & Walsall Mental Health Partnership NHS Trust our vision is to be 'Better Together' – delivering flexible, high-quality, evidence-based services to enable people to achieve recovery.

Whether it's treating someone with dementia or helping someone manage their depression and regain the confidence to return to work, we are constantly looking to provide a truly excellent service at every stage of mental illness.

Dudley and Walsall Mental Health Partnership NHS Trust provides a wide range of integrated mental health services to children, adults and older people across the communities of Dudley and Walsall.

We provide care and treatment for around 20,000 people each year and serve a local population of around 600,000 residents across Dudley and Walsall as well as providing specialised Deaf Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services across Central England.

We employ over 1,200 staff and provide specialist mental health services from more than 40 community sites and 3 acute hospitals: Dorothy Pattison Hospital, Bloxwich Hospital and Bushey Fields Hospital.

The Trust's Vision is one of providing recovery oriented services and in 2010, the Trust published its Clinical & Social Care Strategic Vision that defined how mental health services should be delivered in the future. This Vision has been guided by a growing emphasis on the well-being of the population and a focus on prevention and early intervention. It guides our future plans for mental health services.

Our Vision

Better Together - delivering flexible, high-quality, evidence-based services to enable people to achieve recovery.

Our Values

- Respect and dignity
- Commitment to quality of care
- Compassion
- Improving lives
- Everyone counts
- Working together for patients

Our Successes and Highlights for 2010/11

Throughout the last twelve months we have continued to focus on maintaining the delivery of high quality services, celebrating some key achievements:

April 2010

Achieving full CQC registration - In line with the new Care Quality Commission system of assessment, the Trust achieved full CQC registration. The assessment for registration focused on continuous assessment and monitoring against the essential quality standards. The Trust's registration shows our continued commitment to high quality patient care.



Innovative Nurses - Mental Health Nurses from across the

May 2010

Trust took part in our own version of the BBC programme 'Dragons Den' to celebrate Nurses Day. Staff had the chance to present ideas which could help us be more effective as a Trust, improve quality and develop our services.

The Trust's Service User & Carer Involvement Strategy was officially launched in June, along

with our dedicated Service User & Carer Charters which were developed in partnership with service users and carers across the Trust. The launch of these key documents supports the Trust's continued commitment to engaging with service users and carers.

The Trust published its first set of

July 2010

Quality Accounts for 2009/10. The publication looked at what we were doing well; where we needed to make improvements; what our priorities were and how we involve service users, carers and staff. It looked forward to how we will strive to improve over the year, and achieve our priorities.



August 2010

Inpatient Hospitals were given top marks!

Our three acute hospitals were inspected and given a rating based on the environment, food and privacy and dignity. The Trust was rated excellent or good on most cases. The results enabled us to continue to look at ways to improve overall standards of patient environments throughout the Trust's sites.



Recognising Staff - Our first 'Recognising

September 2010

Success Awards' were held at Bescot Stadium, Walsall on September 29th. The event was a great day for us to acknowledge and celebrate the success and hard work staff do every day. Our second Annual General Meeting focused on the improvements, successes and developments made over the last twelve months.

October 2010

Accreditation for Memory Service - The Trust

received national accreditation for its Memory Service Team based at Bloxwich Hospital, making it only 1 of 14 Memory Services in England to be accredited. It recognised the hard work and continuous development from staff since the service's inception.



Lighting up lives - A new

November 2010

sensory room opened in Bushey Fields Hospital for older adult dementia patients. The state-of-the-art multi sensory room provides equipment specially designed to stimulate the senses and offers patients a safe and relaxing environment to reduce anxieties and stresses. The initiative is an example of the great work that came out of the Dragons Den event held earlier in the year.



December 2010

Transforming Services - The Service Transformation

model, alongside the announcement of a new Government Mental Health Strategy, giving us an exciting opportunity to review our current practices and develop a clinical service model that will be service-user centred and really drive quality and improvement.



Foundation Trust Go!! - In January,

January 2011

the Trust started ramping up its Foundation Trust application. The Board is committed to becoming a Foundation Trust by September 2012. The Trust will continue to keep its stakeholders updated on its progress.

February 2011

Leading by example with

health and wellbeing



The launch of our Staff Health and Wellbeing Strategy took place with two events at Dorothy Pattison and Bushey Fields Hospitals. This strategy outlined our plans to support, encourage and facilitate good health and wellbeing amongst all of our employees. The events were a great success with staff able to take advantage of the wealth of information and services available for them.



New patient record system -

March 2011

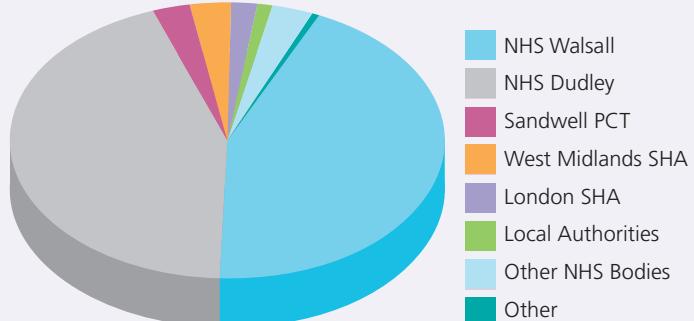
Oasis, the Trust's new patient administration system, went live on Monday 7th March for 280 staff. After months of hard work, training and intense activity to prepare for the roll out of our new patient information system, making sure that patient data and information is captured and recorded accurately.



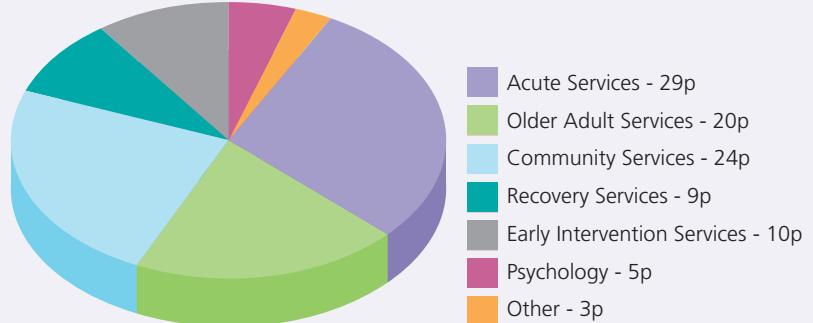
Our Finances

We are delighted to report that the Trust met its statutory targets for the financial year 1st April 2010 to 31st March 2011.

Where does our money come from?



For every £1 the Trust spends, the following amount is spent on each service:



making tomorrow better together

foundation trust

Looking forward to 2011/12

Dudley and Walsall Mental Health Partnership NHS Trust is working to become an NHS Foundation Trust. We believe that becoming a Foundation Trust is the best way for us to fulfil our exciting plans for mental health services. It will also allow us to be truly 'better together' as it is the best way for people with an interest in mental health services to become directly involved in influencing them.

Why do we want to become a Foundation Trust?

Foundation Trusts have some major advantages in the way they are run, compared to other NHS Trusts. In particular, becoming a Foundation Trust will ensure:

Better Accountability - service users, carers and our staff will have more involvement in the running of the Trust and delivery of services.

Better Innovation - we will have greater freedom to develop and innovate, using feedback to design services to meet local needs.

Better Influence - we will be able to give mental health a greater presence and 'voice' within the local community.

Better Quality - we will be able to use information and involvement from the community to improve the quality of services.

Better Investment - we will be allowed to create and retain financial surpluses, giving us more freedom to invest in services.

Better Viability - we will be able to focus on efficiency and productivity to ensure that resources are used effectively.



be a part of it - be a member

As part of its Foundation Trust bid, the Trust is now recruiting a membership, which will enable those who sign up to directly influence the way mental health services are delivered. Over 2,000 people from our local communities have already shown their support by signing up as public members.

If you have an interest in mental health and would like to become a member of DWMHPT, all you have to do is fill out a membership form. You can become a member instantly by applying online at www.dwmh.nhs.uk/foundationtrust. Alternatively, telephone 01384 364039 or email ft@dwmh.nhs.uk for a hard copy membership form.

Services Fit for the Future

Dudley and Walsall Mental Health Partnership NHS Trust aims to become one of the highest performing mental health trusts in the country with a brand and reputation for excellence that sets it apart from the rest. The Trust intends to achieve this through its exciting plans for Service Transformation, which will improve the care and experience of patients as well as foster efficiency in an economically challenging time.

The Service Transformation programme is committed to improving mental health services by:

- Ensuring that services are re-designed to meet the needs of the local population
- Delivering services based on best practice
- Improving access for service users
- Ensuring that service user's experience is improved
- Delivering cost effective services that offer best value

To achieve these aims we have developed a new and improved service model for the future which will be implemented using a phased approach over a three year period. For further information on the service transformation programme, please contact **Jacky O'Sullivan, ST Programme Director**, by email at jacky.o'sullivan@dwmh.nhs.uk.



Top ten tips for your good mental health

1 Do something creative

Being creative can improve mood, and self-esteem, as well as improving mental agility.

2 Learn new skills

Achieving goals you've set for yourself can increase your confidence and help you to feel more optimistic about the future.

3 Value yourself and others

Spend time to reflect on what you have done well, show your appreciation and take pride in the compliments that you receive.

4 Use food to boost your mood

What you eat and drink can have a real influence on your mood so look out for and choose healthy food options.

5 Keep in touch with friends and loved ones

Research has shown that people whose goals in life are focused on family, friends and colleagues have increased wellbeing.

6 Keep physically active

Exercise has been proven to lower levels of anxiety and depression as well improving fitness levels. 30 minutes of exercise five times a week can make a real difference.

7 Care for yourself

Set aside some time for yourself to do the things you enjoy.

8 Get involved and make a contribution

Being involved in fun events or projects can help you to learn new skills, meet new people and give a great sense of fulfilment.

9 Take a break

Work better, not harder. Make sure you take your annual leave throughout the year, to help you take a well deserved break when you may need it the most.

10 Ask for help and share feelings

If you feel your workload is spiralling out of control, take the opportunity to discuss it with your manager

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